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<p>(54) Title: NOVEL HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS AND THEIR USE IN MEDICINE, PROCESS FOR THEIR PREPARATION AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING THEM</p> <p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>The present invention relates to novel antioesity and hypocholesterolemic compounds, their derivatives, their analogs, their tautomeric forms, their stereoisomers, their polymorphs, their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, their pharmaceutically acceptable solvates and pharmaceutically acceptable compositions containing them. More particularly, the present invention relates to novel <math>\beta</math>-aryl-<math>\alpha</math>-oxysubstituted alkylcarboxylic acids of general formula (I), their derivatives, their analogs, their tautomeric forms, their stereoisomers, their polymorphs, their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, their pharmaceutically acceptable solvates and pharmaceutically acceptable compositions containing them.</p>			
<p>Chemical structure of compound (I): A substituted benzene ring with substituents R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> at the 1, 2, 3, and 4 positions respectively. At the 5-position, there is a nitrogen atom bonded to an R<sup>6</sup> group and an R<sup>5</sup> group. The R<sup>5</sup> group is bonded to a W group, which is further bonded to an (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O-Ar group. This group is bonded to an R<sup>7</sup> group, which is bonded to an R<sup>8</sup> group. The R<sup>8</sup> group is bonded to an R<sup>9</sup> group, which is bonded to an oxygen atom, and to a YR<sup>10</sup> group, which is bonded to a carbonyl group.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(I)</p>			

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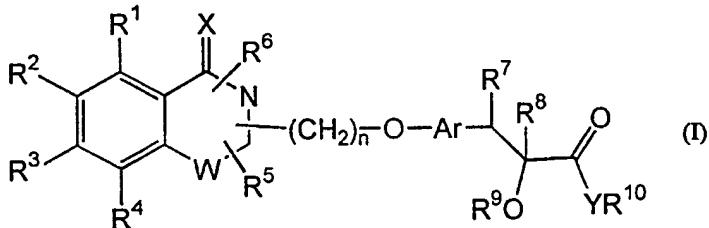
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NOVEL HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS AND THEIR USE IN MEDICINE; PROCESS  
FOR THEIR PREPARATION AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS

CONTAINING THEM

Field of Invention

5 The present invention relates to novel antiobesity and hypocholesterolemic compounds, their derivatives, their analogs, their tautomeric forms, their stereoisomers, their polymorphs, their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, their pharmaceutically acceptable solvates and pharmaceutically acceptable compositions containing them. More particularly, the present invention relates to novel  $\beta$ -aryl- $\alpha$ -oxysubstituted alkylcarboxylic acids of the 10 general formula (I), their derivatives, their analogs, their tautomeric forms, their stereoisomers, their polymorphs, their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, their pharmaceutically acceptable solvates and pharmaceutically acceptable compositions containing them.



15 The present invention also relates to a process for the preparation of the above said novel compounds, their analogs, their derivatives, their tautomeric forms, their stereoisomers, their polymorphs, their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, novel intermediates and pharmaceutical compositions containing them.

20 The compounds of the present invention lower total cholesterol (TC); increase high density lipoprotein (HDL) and decrease low density lipoprotein (LDL), which have beneficial effect on coronary heart disease and atherosclerosis.

The compounds of general formula (I) are useful in reducing body weight and for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of diseases such as hypertension, coronary heart disease, atherosclerosis, stroke, peripheral vascular diseases and related disorders. These compounds are useful for the treatment of familial hypercholesterolemia, hypertriglyceridemia, lowering 25 of atherogenic lipoproteins, very low density lipoprotein (VLDL) and LDL. The compounds of the present invention can be used for the treatment of certain renal diseases including glomerulonephritis, glomerulosclerosis, nephrotic syndrome, hypertensive nephrosclerosis, retinopathy, and nephropathy. The compounds of general formula (I) are also useful for the

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treatment/prophylaxis of insulin resistance (type II diabetes), leptin resistance, impaired glucose tolerance, dyslipidemia, disorders related to syndrome X such as hypertension, 5 obesity, insulin resistance, coronary heart disease, and other cardiovascular disorders. These compounds may also be useful as aldose reductase inhibitors, for improving cognitive functions in dementia, treating diabetic complications, disorders related to endothelial cell activation, psoriasis, polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS), inflammatory bowel diseases, osteoporosis, myotonic dystrophy, pancreatitis, arteriosclerosis, xanthoma and for the treatment of cancer. The compounds of the present invention are useful in the treatment and/or prophylaxis of the above said diseases in combination/concomitant with one or more 10 HMG CoA reductase inhibitors or hypolipidemic/hypolipoproteinemic agents such as fibrin acid derivatives, nicotinic acid, cholestyramine, colestipol, probucol.

Background of Invention

Atherosclerosis and other peripheral vascular diseases are the major causes effect the quality of life of millions of people. Therefore, considerable attention has been directed 15 towards understanding the etiology of hypercholesterolemia and hyperlipidemia and the development of effective therapeutic strategies.

Hypercholesterolemia has been defined as plasma cholesterol level that exceeds arbitrarily defined value called "normal" level. Recently, it has been accepted that "ideal" plasma levels of cholesterol are much below the "normal" level of cholesterol in the general 20 population and the risk of coronary artery disease (CAD) increases as cholesterol level rises above the "optimum" (or "ideal") value. There is clearly a definite cause and effect- relationship between hypercholesterolemia and CAD, particularly for individuals with multiple risk factors. Most of the cholesterol is present in the esterified forms with various 25 lipoproteins such as low density lipoprotein (LDL), intermediate density lipoprotein (IDL), high density lipoprotein (HDL) and partially as very low density lipoprotein (VLDL).

Studies clearly indicate that there is an inverse correlation between CAD and atherosclerosis with serum HDL-cholesterol concentrations. (Stampfer *et al.*, *N. Engl. J. Med.*, 325 (1991), 373-381) and the risk of CAD increases with increasing levels of LDL and VLDL.

30 In CAD, generally "fatty streaks" in carotid, coronary and cerebral arteries, are found which are primarily free and esterified cholesterol. Miller *et al.*, (*Br. Med. J.*, 282 (1981), 1741-1744) have shown that increase in HDL-particles may decrease the number of sites of

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stenosis in coronary arteries of humans, and high level of HDL-cholesterol may protect against the progression of atherosclerosis. Picardo *et al.*, (*Arteriosclerosis* 6 (1986) 434-441) have shown by *in vitro* experiment that HDL is capable of removing cholesterol from cells. They suggest that HDL may deplete tissues of excess free cholesterol and transfer them to 5 the liver (Macikinnon *et al.*, *J. Biol. Chem.* 261 (1986), 2548-2552). Therefore, agents that increase HDL cholesterol would have therapeutic significance for the treatment of hypercholesterolemia and coronary heart diseases (CHD).

Obesity is a disease highly prevalent in affluent societies and in the developing world and which is a major cause of morbidity and mortality. It is a state of excess body fat 10 accumulation. The causes of obesity are unclear. It is believed to be of genetic origin or promoted by an interaction between the genotype and environment. Irrespective of the cause, the result is fat deposition due to imbalance between the energy intake versus energy expenditure. Dieting, exercise and appetite suppression has been a part of obesity treatment. There is a need for efficient therapy to fight this disease since it may lead to coronary heart 15 disease, diabetes, stroke, hyperlipidemia, gout, osteoarthritis, reduced fertility and many other psychological and social problems.

Diabetes and insulin resistance is yet another disease which severely effects the quality of life of a large population in the world. In insulin resistance is the diminished ability of insulin to exert its biological action across a broad range of concentrations. In 20 insulin resistance, the body secretes abnormally high amounts of insulin to compensate for this defect; failing which, the plasma glucose concentration inevitably rises and develops into diabetes. Among the developed countries, diabetes mellitus is a common problem and is associated with a variety of abnormalities including obesity, hypertension, hyperlipidemia (*J. Clin. Invest.*, (1985) 75: 809-817; *N. Engl. J. Med.* (1987) 317: 350-357; *J. Clin. Endocrinol.* 25 *Metab.*, (1988) 66: 580-583; *J. Clin. Invest.*, (1975) 68: 957-969) and other renal complications (See Patent Application No. WO 95/21608). It is now increasingly being recognized that insulin resistance and relative hyperinsulinemia have a contributory role in 30 obesity, hypertension, atherosclerosis and type 2 diabetes mellitus. The association of insulin resistance with obesity, hypertension and angina has been described as a syndrome having insulin resistance as the central pathogenic link-Syndrome-X.

Hyperlipidemia is the primary cause of cardiovascular (CVD) and other peripheral vascular diseases. High risk of CVD is related to the higher LDL (Low Density Lipoprotein)

and VLDL (Very Low Density Lipoprotein) seen in hyperlipidemia. Patients having glucose intolerance/insulin resistance in addition to hyperlipidemia have higher risk of CVD. Numerous studies in the past have shown that lowering of plasma triglycerides and total cholesterol, in particular LDL and VLDL and increasing HDL cholesterol help in preventing cardiovascular diseases.

5 PEROXISOME proliferator activated receptors (PPAR) are members of the nuclear receptor super family. The gamma ( $\gamma$ ) isoform of PPAR (PPAR $\gamma$ ) has been implicated in regulating differentiation of adipocytes (Endocrinology, (1994) 135: 798-800) and energy homeostasis (Cell, (1995) 83: 803-812), whereas the alpha ( $\alpha$ ) isoform of PPAR (PPAR $\alpha$ ) 10 mediates fatty acid oxidation (Trend. Endocrin. Metab., (1993) 4: 291-296) thereby resulting in reduction of circulating free fatty acid in plasma (Current Biol. (1995) 5: 618-621). PPAR $\alpha$  agonists have been found useful for the treatment of obesity (WO 97/36579). It has 15 been recently disclosed that the hypolipidaemic effect is enhanced when the molecule has both PPAR $\alpha$  and PPAR $\gamma$  agonist activity and are suggested to be useful for the treatment of syndrome X (WO 97/25042). Synergism between the insulin sensitizer (PPAR $\gamma$  agonist) and HMG CoA reductase inhibitor has been observed which may be useful for the treatment of atherosclerosis and xanthoma. (EP 0 753 298).

20 It is known that PPAR $\gamma$  plays an important role in adipocyte differentiation (Cell, (1996) 87, 377-389). Ligand activation of PPAR is sufficient to cause complete terminal differentiation (Cell, (1994) 79, 1147-1156) including cell cycle withdrawal. PPAR $\gamma$  is consistently expressed in certain cells and activation of this nuclear receptor with PPAR $\gamma$  25 agonists would stimulate the terminal differentiation of adipocyte precursors and cause morphological and molecular changes characteristics of a more differentiated, less malignant state (Molecular Cell, (1998), 465-470; Carcinogenesis, (1998), 1949-53; Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., (1997) 94, 237-241) and inhibition of cancer expression of prostate cancer tissue (Cancer Research (1998) 58, 3344-3352). This would be useful in the treatment of certain types of cancer, which expresses PPAR $\gamma$  and could lead to a quite nontoxic chemotherapy.

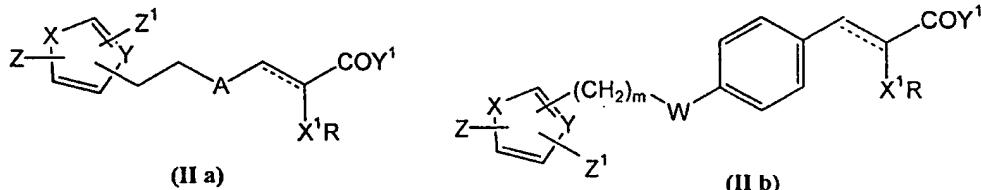
30 Leptin resistance is a condition wherein the target cells are unable to respond to leptin signal. This may give rise to obesity due to excess food intake and reduced energy expenditure and cause impaired glucose tolerance, type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and such other interrelated complications. Kallen *et al* (Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., (1996) 93,

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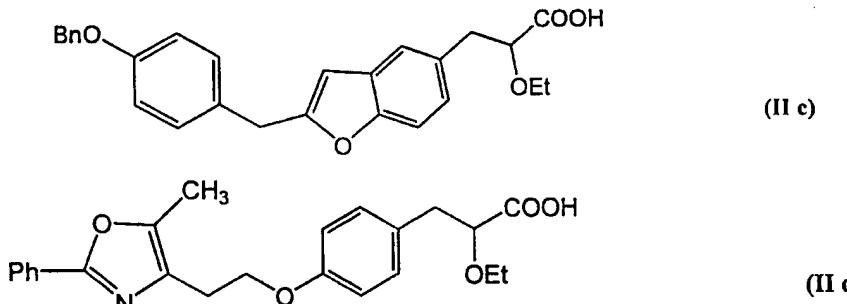
5793-5796) have reported that insulin sensitizers which perhaps due to their PPAR agonist expression and therefore lower plasma leptin concentrations. However, it has been recently disclosed that compounds having insulin sensitizing property also possess leptin sensitization activity. They lower the circulating plasma leptin concentrations by improving the target cell response to leptin (WO 98/02159).

A few  $\beta$ -aryl- $\alpha$ -hydroxy propionic acids, their derivatives, and their analogs have been reported to be useful in the treatment of hyperglycemia and hypercholesterolemia. Some of such compounds described in the prior art are outlined below :

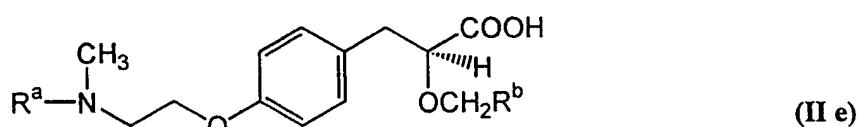
10 i) U.S. Pat. 5,306,726; and WO 91/19702 disclose several 3-aryl-2-hydroxy-propionic acid derivatives of general formula (II a) and (II b) as hypolipidemic and hypoglycemic agents.



Examples of these compounds are shown in formula (II c) and (II d)

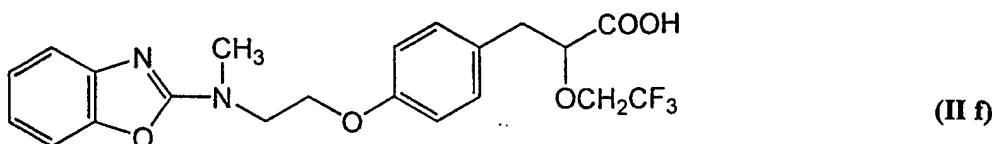


15 ii) International Patent Applications, WO 95/03038 and WO 96/04260 disclose compounds of formula (II e)

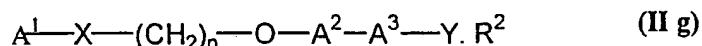


wherein R<sup>a</sup> represents 2- benzoxazolyl or 2-pyridyl and R<sup>b</sup> represents CF<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub> or CH<sub>3</sub>. A typical example is (S)-3-[4-[2-[N-(2-benzoxazolyl)-N-methylamino]ethoxy]phenyl]-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)propanoic acid (II f).

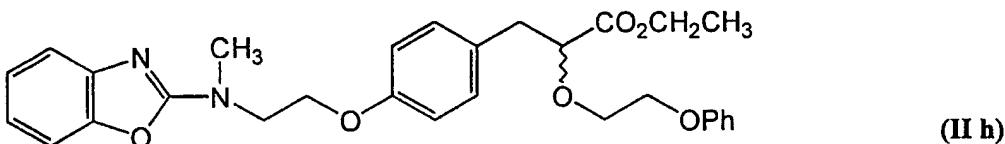
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iii) International Patent Application Nos. WO 94/13650, WO 94/01420 and WO 95/17394 disclose the compounds of general formula (II g)



5 wherein  $A^1$  represent aromatic heterocycle,  $A^2$  represents substituted benzene ring and  $A^3$  represents moiety of formula  $(CH_2)_m-CH-(OR^1)$ , wherein  $R^1$  represents alkyl groups,  $m$  is an integer of the range of 1-5;  $X$  represents substituted or unsubstituted N; and  $Y$  represents C=O or C=S.  $R^2$  represents OR<sup>3</sup> where R<sup>3</sup> may be hydrogen, alkyl, aralkyl, or aryl group; and n represents an integer in the range of 2-6. An example of these compounds is shown in  
10 formula (II h)



#### Summary of the Invention

With an objective to develop novel compounds for lowering cholesterol and reducing body weight with beneficial effects in the treatment and/or prophylaxis of diseases related to increased levels of lipids, atherosclerosis, coronary artery diseases, Syndrome-X, impaired glucose tolerance, insulin resistance, insulin resistance leading to type 2 diabetes and diabetic complications thereof, for the treatment of diseases wherein insulin resistance is the pathophysiological mechanism, for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of leptin resistance and complications thereof, hypertension, atherosclerosis and coronary artery diseases with better efficacy, potency and lower toxicity, we focussed our research to develop new compounds effective in the treatment of above mentioned diseases. Effort in this direction has led to compounds having general formula (I).

The main objective of the present invention is therefore, to provide novel  $\beta$ -aryl- $\alpha$ -oxysubstituted alkylcarboxylic acids, their derivatives, their analogs, their tautomeric forms, 25 their stereoisomers, their polymorphs, their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, and their

pharmaceutically acceptable solvates and pharmaceutical compositions containing them, or their mixtures.

Another objective of the present invention is to provide novel  $\beta$ -aryl- $\alpha$ -oxysubstituted alkylcarboxylic acids, their derivatives, their analogs, their tautomeric forms, their stereoisomers, their polymorphs, their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, and their pharmaceutically acceptable solvates and pharmaceutical compositions containing them or their mixtures which may have agonist activity against PPAR $\alpha$  and/or PPAR $\gamma$ , and or unsubstituted or substituted inhibit HMG CoA reductase, in addition to agonist activity against PPAR $\alpha$  and/or PPAR $\gamma$ .

10 Another objective of the present invention is to provide novel  $\beta$ -aryl- $\alpha$ -oxysubstituted alkylcarboxylic acids, their derivatives, their analogs, their tautomeric forms, their stereoisomers, their polymorphs, their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, and their pharmaceutically acceptable solvates and pharmaceutical compositions containing them or their mixtures having enhanced activities, without toxic effect or with reduced toxic effect.

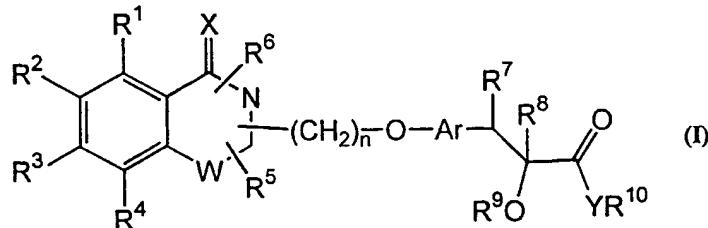
15 Yet another objective of the present invention is to produce a process for the preparation of novel  $\beta$ -aryl- $\alpha$ -oxysubstituted alkylcarboxylic acids of the formula (I) as defined above, their derivatives, their analogs, their tautomeric forms, their stereoisomers, their polymorphs, their pharmaceutically acceptable salts and their pharmaceutically acceptable solvates.

20 Still another objective of the present invention is to provide pharmaceutical compositions containing compounds of the general formula (I), their analogs, their derivatives, their tautomers, their stereoisomers, their polymorphs, their salts, solvates or their mixtures in combination with suitable carriers, solvents, diluents and other media normally employed in preparing such compositions.

25 Another objective of the present invention is to provide novel intermediates, a process for their preparation and use of the intermediates in processes for preparation of  $\beta$ -aryl- $\alpha$ -oxysubstituted alkyl carboxylic acids of formula (I), their derivatives, their analogs, their tautomers, their stereoisomers, their polymorphs, their salts and their pharmaceutically acceptable solvates.

Detailed Description of the Invention

$\alpha$ -Oxysubstituted propionic acids, their derivatives, and their analogs of the present invention have the general formula (I)



5 where X represents O or S; the groups R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup>, and R<sup>6</sup> when attached to carbon atom may be the same or different and represent hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, formyl; or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkyloxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxy- carbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, amino, alkylamino which may be mono or dialkylamino group, arylamino, acylamino, aralkylamino, aminoalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, thioalkyl, alkylthio, alkoxycarbonylamino, aryloxycarbonylamino, aralkoxy- carbonylamino, carboxylic acid or its derivatives, or sulfonic acid or its derivatives; W represents O, S or a group NR<sup>11</sup>; R<sup>11</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup>, and R<sup>6</sup> when attached to nitrogen atom may be same or different and represent hydrogen, hydroxy, formyl or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyalkyl, amino, acylamino, alkylamino which may be mono or dialkylamino group, arylamino, aralkylamino, aminoalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, alkylthio, thioalkyl, carboxylic acid derivatives, or sulfonic acid derivatives; n is an integer ranging from 1 - 4; Ar represents an unsubstituted or substituted divalent aromatic or heterocyclic group; R<sup>7</sup> represents hydrogen atom, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, or unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl group or forms a bond with R<sup>8</sup>; R<sup>8</sup> represents hydrogen atom, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, acyl group, or unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl, or R<sup>8</sup> forms a bond together with R<sup>7</sup>; R<sup>9</sup> may be hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, acyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl

groups; R<sup>10</sup> may be hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl groups; Y represents oxygen or NR<sup>12</sup>, where R<sup>12</sup> represents hydrogen, or unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, aryl, hydroxy-alkyl, aralkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>12</sup> together may 5 form a substituted or unsubstituted 5 or 6 membered cyclic structure containing carbon atoms, which may be unsubstituted or substituted contain one or more heteroatoms selected from oxygen, sulfur or nitrogen; the linking group represented by -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O- may be attached either through nitrogen atom or carbon atom.

Suitable groups represented by R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and the groups, R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> when attached to 10 carbon atom may be selected from hydrogen, halogen atom such as fluorine, chlorine, bromine, or iodine; hydroxy, cyano, nitro, formyl; substituted or unsubstituted (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>)alkyl group, especially, linear or branched (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl group, such as methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, iso-butyl, t-butyl, n-pentyl, iso-pentyl, hexyl and the like; cyclo(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl group such as cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and the like, the cycloalkyl 15 group may be substituted; cyclo(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy group such as cyclopropyloxy, cyclobutyloxy, cyclopentyloxy, cyclohexyloxy and the like, the cycloalkoxy group may be substituted; aryl group such as phenyl or naphthyl, the aryl group may be substituted; aralkyl such as benzyl or phenethyl, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, naphthylmethyl and the like, the aralkyl group may be substituted and the substituted aralkyl is a group such as CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, Hal-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, 20 CH<sub>3</sub>OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> and the like; heteroaryl group such as pyridyl, thienyl, furyl, pyrrolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, imidazolyl, oxadiazolyl, tetrazolyl, benzopyranyl, benzofuryl and the like, the heteroaryl group may be substituted; heterocyclyl groups such as aziridinyl, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl and the like, the heterocyclyl group may be substituted; aralkoxy group such as benzyloxy, phenethyloxy, naphthyl-25 methyloxy, phenylpropoxy and the like, the aralkoxy group may be substituted; heteroaralkyl group such as furanmethyl, pyridinemethyl, oxazolemethyl, oxazoleethyl and the like, the heteroaralkyl group may be substituted; aralkylamino group such as C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>3</sub> and the like, which may be substituted; alkoxy carbonyl such as methoxycarbonyl or ethoxycarbonyl which may be substituted; aryloxycarbonyl 30 group such as or unsubstituted or substituted phenoxy carbonyl, naphthylloxycarbonyl and the like; aralkoxycarbonyl group such as benzyloxycarbonyl, phenethyloxycarbonyl, naphthylmethoxycarbonyl and the like, which may be substituted; monoalkylamino group such as

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NHCH<sub>3</sub>, NHC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, NHC<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>, NHC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub> and the like, which may be substituted, dialkylamino group such as N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, NCH<sub>3</sub>(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), and the like, which may be substituted; alkoxyalkyl group such as methoxymethyl, ethoxymethyl, methoxyethyl, ethoxyethyl and the like which may be substituted; aryloxyalkyl group such as C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>,

5 naphthyoxyethyl and the like, which may be substituted; aralkoxyalkyl group such as C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> and the like, which may be substituted; heteroaryloxy and heteroaralkoxy, wherein heteroaryl and heteroaralkyl moieties are as defined earlier and may be substituted; aryloxy group such as phenoxy, naphthyoxy, the aryloxy group may be substituted; arylamino group such as HNC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, NCH<sub>3</sub>(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), NHC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, NHC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-Hal and

10 the like, which may be substituted; amino group which may be substituted; amino(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl which may be substituted; hydroxy(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl which may be substituted; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkoxy such as methoxy, ethoxy, propyloxy, butyloxy, iso-propyloxy and the like which may be substituted; thio(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl which may be substituted; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylthio which may be substituted; acyl group such as acetyl, propanoyl or benzoyl, the acyl group may be substituted; acylamino groups such as NHCOCH<sub>3</sub>, NHCOC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, NHCOC<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>, NHCOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub> which may be substituted; aralkoxycarbonylamino group such as NHCOOCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, NHCOOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)COOCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, N(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)COOCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, NHCOOCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, NHCOOCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub> and the like, which may be substituted; aryloxycarbonylamino group such as NHCOOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, NCH<sub>3</sub>COOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, NC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>COOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>,

15 NHCOOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, NHCOOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub> and the like, which may be substituted; alkoxy-carbonylamino group such as NHCOOC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, NHCOOCH<sub>3</sub> and the like, which may be substituted; carboxylic acid or its derivatives such as amides, like CONH<sub>2</sub>, CONHMe, CONMe<sub>2</sub>, CONHET, CONEt<sub>2</sub>, CONHPh and the like, the carboxylic acid derivatives may be substituted; acyloxy group such as OCOMe, OCOEt, OCOPh and the like, which may be substituted; or sulfonic acid or its derivatives such as SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>NHMe, SO<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>NHCF<sub>3</sub> and the like, the sulfonic acid derivatives may be substituted.

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When the groups represented by R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, and R<sup>6</sup> are substituted, the substituents may be selected from halogen, hydroxy, nitro or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, heterocycl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyalkyl, amino, acylamino, arylamino, aminoalkyl, aryloxy, aralkoxy, alkoxy carbonyl, alkylamino, alkoxyalkyl,

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alkylthio, thioalkyl groups, carboxylic acid or its derivatives, or sulfonic acid or its derivatives. The substituents are defined as above.

It is preferred that the substituents on R<sup>1</sup>-R<sup>6</sup> represent halogen atom such as fluorine, chlorine, or bromine, hydroxy; or unsubstituted or substituted halogenated alkyl groups, the 5 alkyl group is selected from a group such as methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, n-propyl, or n-butyl; cycloalkyl group such as cyclopropyl; aryl group such as phenyl; aralkyl group such as benzyl; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>) alkoxy; benzyloxy, acyl or acyloxy groups.

Suitable R<sup>11</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> when attached to nitrogen atom are selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, formyl; substituted or unsubstituted (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>)alkyl group, especially, 10 linear or branched (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl group, such as methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, iso-propyl, n-butyl, iso-butyl, t-butyl, n-pentyl, iso-pentyl, hexyl and the like; cyclo(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl group such as cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and the like, the cycloalkyl group may be substituted; cyclo(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyloxy group such as cyclopropyloxy, cyclobutyloxy, cyclo- 15 pentyloxy, cyclohexyloxy and the like, the cycloalkoxy group may be substituted; aryl group such as phenyl or naphthyl, the aryl group may be substituted; aralkyl such as benzyl or phenethyl, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, naphthylmethyl and the like, the aralkyl group may be substituted and the substituted aralkyl is a group such as CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, Hal-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> and the like; heteroaryl group such as pyridyl, thienyl, 20 furyl, pyrrolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, imidazolyl, oxadiazolyl, tetrazolyl, benzopyranyl, benzofuryl and the like, the heteroaryl group may be substituted; heterocyclyl groups such as aziridinyl, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl and the like, the heterocyclyl group may be substituted; aralkoxy group such as benzyloxy, phenethyloxy, naphthyl-methyloxy, phenylpropyloxy and the like, the aralkoxy group may be substituted; 25 heteroaralkyl group such as furanmethyl, pyridinemethyl, oxazolemethyl, oxazoleethyl and the like, the heteroaralkyl group may be substituted; aralkylamino group such as C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>3</sub> and the like, which may be substituted; alkoxy carbonyl such as methoxycarbonyl or ethoxycarbonyl which may be substituted; aryloxycarbonyl 30 group such as or unsubstituted or substituted phenoxy carbonyl, naphthyl oxycarbonyl and the like; aralkoxycarbonyl group such as benzyloxycarbonyl, phenethyloxycarbonyl, naphthyl-methoxycarbonyl and the like, which may be substituted; monoalkylamino group such as NHCH<sub>3</sub>, NHC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, NHC<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>, NHC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub> and the like, which may be substituted; dialkylamino group such as N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, NCH<sub>3</sub>(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), and the like, which may be substituted; alkoxyalkyl

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group such as methoxymethyl, ethoxymethyl, methoxyethyl, ethoxyethyl and the like, which may be substituted; aryloxyalkyl group such as  $C_6H_5OCH_2$ ,  $C_6H_5OCH_2CH_2$ , naphthyl-oxymethyl and the like, which may be substituted; aralkoxyalkyl group such as  $C_6H_5CH_2OCH_2$ ,  $C_6H_5CH_2OCH_2CH_2$  and the like, which may be substituted; heteroaryloxy and heteroaralkoxy, wherein heteroaryl and heteroaralkyl moieties are as defined earlier and may be substituted; aryloxy group such as phenoxy, naphthoxy, the aryloxy group may be substituted; arylamino group such as  $NHC_6H_5$ ,  $NCH_3(C_6H_5)$ ,  $NHC_6H_4CH_3$ ,  $NHC_6H_4\text{-Hal}$  and the like, which may be substituted; amino group which may be substituted; amino( $C_1\text{-}C_6$ )alkyl which may be substituted; hydroxy( $C_1\text{-}C_6$ )alkyl which may be substituted; ( $C_1\text{-}C_6$ )alkoxy such as methoxy, ethoxy, propyloxy, butyloxy, iso-propyloxy and the like which may be substituted; thio( $C_1\text{-}C_6$ )alkyl which may be substituted; ( $C_1\text{-}C_6$ )alkylthio which may be substituted; acyl group such as acetyl, propanoyl or benzoyl, the acyl group may be substituted; acylamino groups such as  $NHCOCH_3$ ,  $NHCOC_2H_5$ ,  $NHCOC_3H_7$ ,  $NHCOC_6H_5$  which may be substituted; carboxylic acid derivatives such as amides, like  $CONH_2$ ,  $CONHMe$ ,  $CONMe_2$ ,  $CONHEt$ ,  $CONEt_2$ ,  $CONHPh$  and the like, the carboxylic acid derivatives may be substituted; acyloxy group such as  $OCOMe$ ,  $OCOEt$ ,  $OCOPh$  and the like which may be unsubstituted or substituted; sulfonic acid derivatives such as  $SO_2NH_2$ ,  $SO_2NHMe$ ,  $SO_2NMe_2$ ,  $SO_2NHCF_3$  and the like, the sulfonic acid derivatives may be substituted.

20 When the groups represented by  $R^{11}$  and the groups  $R^5$ ,  $R^6$  attached to nitrogen are substituted, preferred substituents may be selected from halogen such as fluorine, chlorine; hydroxy, acyl, acyloxy, or amino groups.

When the groups represented by  $R^{11}$  and the groups  $R^5$ ,  $R^6$  are attached to nitrogen atom,  $R^1\text{-}R^4$  are same as defined earlier.

25 The group represented by Ar includes substituted or unsubstituted groups selected from divalent phenylene, naphthylene, pyridyl, quinolinyl, benzofuryl, benzoxazolyl, benzothiazolyl, indolyl, indolinyl, azaindolyl, azaindolinyl, indenyl, dihydrobenzofuryl, benzopyranyl, dihydrobenzopyranyl, pyrazolyl and the like. The substituents on the group represented by Ar include linear or branched or unsubstituted or substituted halogenated ( $C_1\text{-}C_6$ )alkyl, or unsubstituted or substituted halogenated ( $C_1\text{-}C_3$ )alkoxy, halogen, acyl, amino, acylamino, thio, carboxylic and sulfonic acids and their derivatives. The substituents are defined as they are for  $R^1\text{-}R^4$ .

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It is more preferred that Ar represents a substituted or unsubstituted divalent, phenylene, naphthylene, benzofuryl, indolyl, indolinyl, quinolinyl, azaindolyl, azaindolinyl, benzothiazolyl or benzoxazolyl groups.

It is still more preferred that Ar is represented by divalent phenylene or naphthylene, 5 which may be unsubstituted or substituted by methyl, halomethyl, methoxy or halomethoxy groups.

Suitable R<sup>7</sup> includes hydrogen, lower alkyl groups such as methyl, ethyl or propyl; hydroxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkoxy; halogen atom such as fluorine, chlorine, bromine, or iodine; aralkyl such as benzyl, or phenethyl, which may be unsubstituted or substituted with halogen, 10 hydroxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkoxy, benzyloxy, acetyl, acyloxy groups, preferably with hydroxy, halogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkyl or alkoxy (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>), or R<sup>7</sup> together with R<sup>8</sup> represent a bond.

Suitable R<sup>8</sup> may be hydrogen, lower alkyl groups such as methyl, ethyl or propyl; hydroxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkoxy; halogen atom such as fluorine, chlorine, bromine, or iodine; acyl group such as linear or branched (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)acyl group such as acetyl, propanoyl, butanoyl, 15 pentanoyl, benzoyl and the like; aralkyl such as benzyl, phenethyl, which may be unsubstituted or substituted with halogen, hydroxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkoxy, benzyloxy, acetyl, acyloxy groups, preferably with hydroxy, halogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkyl or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>) alkoxy, or R<sup>8</sup> together with R<sup>7</sup> forms a bond.

It is preferred that R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> represent hydrogen atom or R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> together represent 20 a bond.

Suitable groups represented by R<sup>9</sup> may be selected from hydrogen, linear or branched (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>)alkyl, preferably (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>)alkyl group such as methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, iso-propyl, n-butyl, iso-butyl, pentyl, hexyl, octyl and the like, which may be substituted; (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>) cycloalkyl group such as cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, and the like, the 25 cycloalkyl group may be substituted; aryl group such as phenyl, naphthyl, the aryl group may be substituted; heteroaryl group such as pyridyl, thienyl, furyl and the like, the heteroaryl group may be substituted; heteroaralkyl group such as furanmethyl, pyridinemethyl, oxazol-emethyl, oxazoleethyl and the like, the heteroaralkyl group may be substituted; aralkyl group wherein the aryl group is as defined earlier and the alkyl moiety may contain C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> atoms 30 such as benzyl, phenethyl and the like; the aralkyl group may be substituted; heterocycl group such as aziridinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl and the like, the heterocycl group may be substituted; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl group such as methoxymethyl, ethoxymethyl,

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methoxyethyl, ethoxypropyl and the like, the alkoxyalkyl group may be substituted; aryloxyalkyl group such as  $C_6H_5OCH_2$ ,  $C_6H_5OCH_2CH_2$ , naphthyoxyethyl, naphthyl-oxyethyl and the like, which may be substituted; linear or branched ( $C_2-C_{16}$ )acyl group such as acetyl, propanoyl, isopropanoyl, butanoyl, benzoyl, octanoyl, decanoyl and the like which 5 may be substituted; ( $C_1-C_6$ )alkoxycarbonyl, the alkyl group may be substituted; aryloxy-carbonyl such as phenoxy carbonyl, naphthyoxy carbonyl, the aryl group may be substituted; ( $C_1-C_6$ )alkylaminocarbonyl, the alkyl group may be substituted; and arylaminocarbonyl such as  $PhNHCO$ , naphthylaminocarbonyl, the aryl moiety may be substituted. The substituents 10 may be selected from halogen, hydroxy, formyl or nitro or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyalkyl, amino, acylamino, aryl-amino, aminoalkyl, aryloxy, alkoxy carbonyl, alkylamino, alkoxyalkyl, alkylthio, thioalkyl groups, carboxylic acid or its derivatives, or sulfonic acid or its derivatives. These groups are 15 defined above.

15 Suitable groups represented by  $R^{10}$  may be selected from hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted linear or branched ( $C_1-C_{16}$ )alkyl, preferably ( $C_1-C_{12}$ )alkyl group such as methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, iso-propyl, n-butyl, iso-butyl, pentyl, hexyl, octyl and the like; ( $C_3-C_7$ )cycloalkyl such as cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and the like, the cycloalkyl group may be substituted; aryl group such as phenyl, naphthyl, the aryl group may be 20 substituted; heteroaryl group such as pyridyl, thienyl, furyl and the like, the heteroaryl group may be substituted; heteroaralkyl group such as furanmethyl, pyridinemethyl, oxazolemethyl, oxazoleethyl and the like, the heteroaralkyl group may be substituted; aralkyl group such as benzyl and phenethyl, the aralkyl group may be substituted; heterocyclyl group such as aziridinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl and the like, the heterocyclyl group may be substituted.

25 The substituents on  $R^{10}$  may be selected from the same group of  $R^1-R^4$  and are as defined above.

30 Suitable groups represented by  $R^{12}$  may be selected from hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted linear or branched ( $C_1-C_{16}$ )alkyl, preferably ( $C_1-C_{12}$ )alkyl; hydroxy ( $C_1-C_6$ ) alkyl which may be substituted; aryl group such as phenyl, naphthyl and the like, which may be substituted; aralkyl group such as benzyl and phenethyl and the like, which may be substituted; heterocyclyl group such as aziridinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, and the like which may be substituted; heteroaryl group such as pyridyl, thienyl, furyl and the like, which

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may be substituted; and heteroaralkyl group such as furanmethyl, pyridinemethyl, oxazolemethyl, oxazoleethyl and the like, which may be substituted.

The cyclic structure formed by R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>12</sup> may be a substituted or unsubstituted 5 or 6 membered cyclic structure containing carbon atoms which may be unsubstituted or 5 substituted contain one or two heteroatoms selected from oxygen, nitrogen or sulfur.

Suitable ring structures formed by R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>12</sup> together may be selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl, piperazinyl, oxazolinyl, diazolinyl and the like.

Suitable substituents on the cyclic structure formed by R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>12</sup> taken together may be selected from halogen, hydroxy, alkyl, oxo, aralkyl and the like.

10 Suitable n is an integer ranging from 1 to 4, preferably n represents an integer 1 or 2.

Pharmaceutically acceptable salts forming part of this invention include salts of the carboxylic acid moiety such as alkali metal salts like Li, Na, and K salts; alkaline earth metal salts like Ca and Mg salts; salts of organic bases such as lysine, arginine, guanidine, diethanolamine, choline, tromethamine and the like; ammonium or substituted ammonium 15 salts, and aluminum salts. Salts may include acid addition salts where appropriate which are, sulphates, nitrates, phosphates, perchlorates, borates, hydrohalides, acetates, tartrates, maleates, citrates, succinates, palmoates, methanesulphonates, benzoates, salicylates, hydroxynaphthoates, benzenesulfonates, ascorbates, glycerophosphates, ketoglutarates and the like. Pharmaceutically acceptable solvates may be hydrates or comprising other solvents 20 of crystallization such as alcohols.

Particularly useful compounds according to the present invention include:

Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]-2-propenoate;

25 (±)-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl] propanoate;

(+)-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl] propanoate;

(-)-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl] propanoate;

30 (±)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl] propanoic acid and its salts;

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[2R, N(1S)] 2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy] phenyl]-N-(2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)propanamide;

[2S, N(1S)] 2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy] phenyl]-N-(2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)propanamide;

5 (++)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy] phenyl] propanoic acid and its salts;

(-)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl] propanoic acid and its salts;

(±)-Ethyl 2-phenoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]

10 -2-propenoate;

(±)-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[2,2-dimethyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl] ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

(+)-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[2,2-dimethyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl] ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

15 (-)-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[2,2-dimethyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl] ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

(±)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[2,2-dimethyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl] ethoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

(+)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[2,2-dimethyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl] ethoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid and salts;

20 (-)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[2,2-dimethyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl] ethoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

(±)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl] methoxy] phenyl]propanoate;

25 (+)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl]methoxy] phenyl]propanoate;

(-)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl]methoxy] phenyl]propanoate;

(±)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl]methoxy]

30 phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts; ..

(+)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl]methoxy] phenyl] propanoic acid and its salts;

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(-)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl]methoxy] phenyl] propanoic acid and its salts;

( $\pm$ )-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl] propanoate;

5 (+)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl] propanoate;

(-)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy] phenyl]propanoate;

( $\pm$ )-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy] phenyl] 10 propanoic acid;

(+)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy] phenyl] propanoic acid;

(-)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl] propanoic acid;

15 ( $\pm$ )-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy]phenyl] propanoate;

(+)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy]phenyl] propanoate;

(-)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] 20 methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

( $\pm$ )-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy] phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

(+)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy] phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

25 (-)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy] phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

( $\pm$ )-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-methyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

(+)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-methyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] 30 methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

(-)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-methyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

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( $\pm$ )-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

(+)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

5 (-)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

( $\pm$ )-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

10 (+)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

(-)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

( $\pm$ )-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-ethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

15 (+)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-ethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

(-)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-ethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

( $\pm$ )-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-ethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

20 (+)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-ethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

(-)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-ethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

25 ( $\pm$ )-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[1,3-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

(+)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[1,3-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

(-)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[1,3-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

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( $\pm$ )-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[1,3-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy] phenyl]propanoic acid and salts;

(+)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[1,3-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy] phenyl]propanoic acid and salts;

5 (-)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[1,3-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy] phenyl]propanoic acid and salts;

( $\pm$ )-Methyl 2-phenoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy] phenyl]propanoate;

(+)-Methyl 2-phenoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy] 10 phenyl]propanoate;

(-)-Methyl 2-phenoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy] phenyl]propanoate ;

( $\pm$ )-2-Phenoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy] phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

15 (+)-2-Phenoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy] phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

(-)-2-Phenoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy] phenyl] propanoic acid and its salts;

( $\pm$ )-Methyl 2-phenoxy-3-[4-[[6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] 20 methoxy] phenyl]propanoate;

(+)-Methyl 2-phenoxy-3-[4-[[6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

(-)-Methyl 2-phenoxy-3-[4-[[6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

25 (-)-2-Phenoxy-3-[4-[[6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy] phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

(+)-2-Phenoxy-3-[4-[[6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy] phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

(-)-2-Phenoxy-3-[4-[[6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy] 30 phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

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( $\pm$ )-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-nitro-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

(+)-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-nitro-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

5 (-)-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-nitro-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

( $\pm$ )-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-nitro-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

10 (+)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-nitro-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

(-)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-nitro-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

( $\pm$ )-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-acetyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

15 (+)-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-acetyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

(-)-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-acetyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl] propanoate;

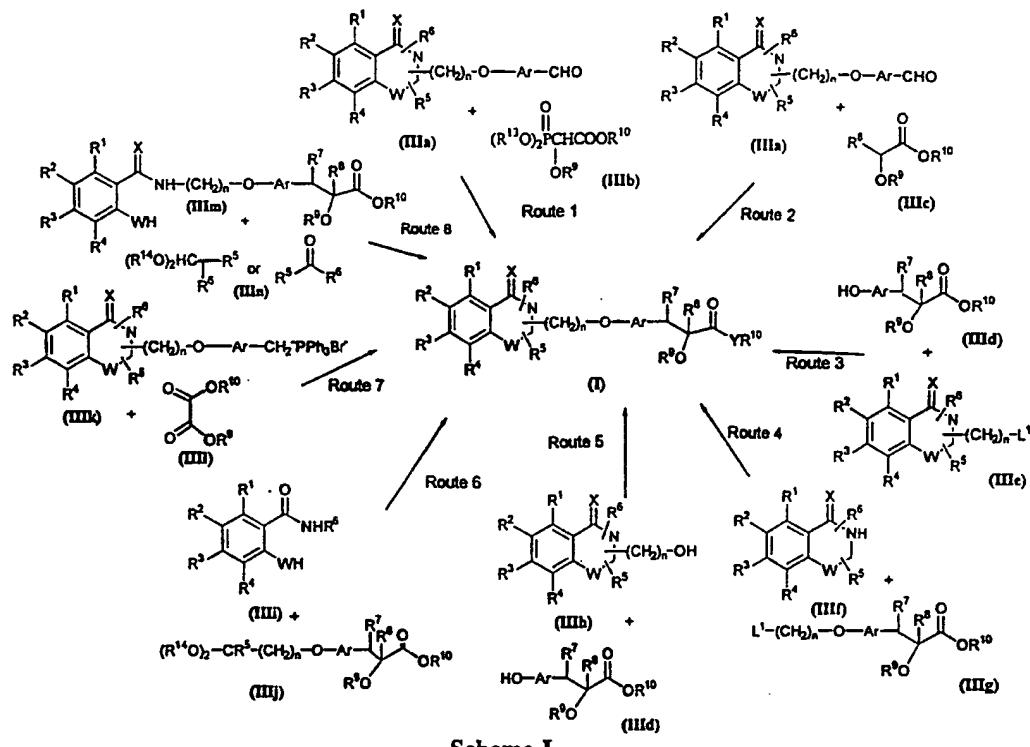
( $\pm$ )-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-acetyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

20 (+)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-acetyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts; and

(-)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-acetyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl] propanoic acid and its salts;

25 According to a feature of the present invention, the compound of formula (I) where R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> together represent a bond, Y represents oxygen atom, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup>, X, W, R<sup>9</sup>, R<sup>10</sup>, n and Ar are as defined earlier, may be prepared by any of the following routes shown in Scheme-I below

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Scheme-I

Route (1): The reaction of a compound of the general formula (IIIa) where all other symbols are as defined earlier, with a compound of formula (IIIb), where R<sup>9</sup>, R<sup>10</sup> are as defined earlier excluding hydrogen atom and R<sup>13</sup> represents (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl group, to yield a compound of general formula (I) defined above may be carried out in the presence of a base such as alkali metal hydrides like NaH, KH or organolithiums like CH<sub>3</sub>Li, BuLi and the like or alkoxides such as NaOMe, NaOEt, BuOK<sup>+</sup> or mixtures thereof. The reaction may be carried out in the presence of solvents such as THF, dioxane, DMF, DMSO, DME and the like or mixtures thereof. HMPA may be used as cosolvent. The reaction temperature may range from -78°C to 50°C, preferably at a temperature in the range of -10°C to 30°C. The compound of general formula (IIIb) may be prepared by Arbuzov reaction.

The intermediate of formula (IIIa) wherein W represents nitrogen atom and the linker group -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>- is attached through carbon atom and the process for its preparation have been disclosed in the Copending Application Serial No. 08/982,911

Alternatively, the compound of formula (I) may be prepared by reacting the compound of formula (IIIa) where all symbols are as defined earlier with Wittig reagents such as  $\text{Hal}^-\text{Ph}_3\text{P}^+\text{CH}-(\text{OR}^9)\text{CO}_2\text{R}^{10}$  under similar reaction conditions as described above.

Route (2): The reaction of a compound of the general formula (IIIa) where all other symbols are as defined earlier, with a compound of formula (IIIc) where  $\text{R}^8$  represents a hydrogen atom and all other symbols are as defined above to produce a compound of formula (I) defined above may be carried out in the presence of a base. The nature of the base is not critical. Any base normally employed for aldol condensation reaction may be employed; bases like metal hydride such as  $\text{NaH}$ , or  $\text{KH}$ ; metal alkoxides such as  $\text{NaOMe}$ ,  $\text{K}^+\text{BuO}^-$ , or  $\text{NaOEt}$ ; metal amides such as  $\text{LiNH}_2$ , or  $\text{LiN}(\text{iPr})_2$  may be used. Aprotic solvent such as THF, ether, or dioxane may be used. The reaction may be carried out in an inert atmosphere which may be maintained by using inert gases such as  $\text{N}_2$ , Ar, or He and the reaction is more effective under anhydrous conditions. Temperature in the range of  $-80^\circ\text{C}$  to  $35^\circ\text{C}$  may be used. The  $\beta$ -hydroxy product initially produced may be dehydrated under conventional dehydration conditions such as treating with PTSA in solvents such as benzene or toluene. The nature of solvent and dehydrating agent is not critical. Temperature in the range of  $20^\circ\text{C}$  to reflux temperature of the solvent used may be employed, preferably at reflux temperature of the solvent by continuous removal of water using a Dean Stark water separator.

Route (3): The reaction of compound of formula (IIIe) where all symbols are as defined earlier and  $\text{L}^1$  represents a leaving group such as halogen atom, p-toluenesulfonate, methanesulfonate, trifluoromethanesulfonate and the like, with a compound of formula (IIId) where  $\text{R}^7$  and  $\text{R}^8$  together represent a bond, and all other symbols are as defined earlier to produce a compound of the formula (I) defined above may be carried out in the presence of aprotic solvents such as THF, DMF, DMSO, DME and the like or mixtures thereof. The reaction may be carried out in an inert atmosphere which may be maintained by using inert gases such as  $\text{N}_2$ , Ar, or He. The reaction may be effected in the presence of a base such as  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  or  $\text{NaH}$  or mixtures thereof. Acetone may be used as solvent when  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  or  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  is used as a base. The reaction temperature may range from  $0^\circ\text{C}$ - $120^\circ\text{C}$ , preferably at a temperature in the range of  $30^\circ\text{C}$ - $100^\circ\text{C}$ . The duration of the reaction may range from 1 to 24 hours, preferably from 2 to 12 hours. The compound of formula (IIId)

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can be prepared according to known procedure by a Wittig Horner reaction between the hydroxy protected aryl aldehyde such as benzyloxy aryl aldehyde and the compound of formula (IIIb), followed by deprotection.

Route (4): The reaction of a compound of general formula (IIIf) where all symbols

5 are as defined earlier with a compound of general formula (IIIg) where R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>8</sup> together represent a bond, and all symbols are as defined earlier and L<sup>1</sup> is a leaving group such as halogen atom, p-toluenesulfonate, methanesulfonate, trifluoromethanesulfonate and the like, preferably a halogen atom to produce a compound of general formula (I) defined above where the linker group -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O- is attached to nitrogen atom may be carried out in the

10 presence of solvents such as DMSO, DMF, DME, THF, dioxane, ether and the like or a combination thereof. The reaction may be carried out in an inert atmosphere which may be maintained by using inert gases such as N<sub>2</sub>, Ar, He. The reaction may be effected in the presence of a base such as alkalis like sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide, alkali metal carbonates like sodium carbonate or potassium carbonate; alkali metal hydrides such as

15 sodium hydride or potassium hydride; organometallic bases like n-butyl lithium, alkali metal amides like sodamide or mixtures thereof. The amount of base may range from 1 to 5 equivalents, based on the amount of the compound of formula (IIIf), preferably the amount of base ranges from 1 to 3 equivalents. Phase transfer catalysts such as tetraalkylammonium halide or hydroxide may be added. The reaction may be carried out at a temperature in the

20 range of 0°C to 150°C, preferably at a temperature in the range of 15°C to 100°C. The duration of the reaction may range from 0.25 to 48 hours, preferably from 0.25 to 12 hours.

Route (5): The reaction of compound of general formula (IIIh) where all symbols are as defined earlier, with a compound of general formula (IIId) where R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> together represent a bond, and all other symbols are as defined earlier to produce a compound of

25 formula (I) defined above may be carried out using suitable coupling agents such as dicyclohexyl urea, triarylphosphine/dialkylazadicarboxylate such as PPh<sub>3</sub>/DEAD and the like. The reaction may be carried out in the presence of solvents such as THF, DME, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, toluene, acetonitrile, carbontetrachloride and the like. The inert atmosphere may be maintained by using inert gases such as N<sub>2</sub>, Ar, or He. The reaction may be effected

30 in the presence of DMAP, HOBT and they may be used in the range of 0.05 to 2 equivalents, preferably 0.25 to 1 equivalents. The reaction temperature may be in the range of 0°C to

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100°C, preferably at a temperature in the range of 20°C to 80°C. The duration of the reaction may range from 0.5 to 24 hours, preferably from 6 to 12 hours.

Route (6): The reaction of compound of general formula (IIIi) where all symbols are as defined earlier, with a compound of formula (IIIj) where R<sup>14</sup> represents lower alkyl group, 5 R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> together represent a bond, and all other symbols are as defined earlier to produce a compound of formula (I) wherein the linker group -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O- is linked through carbon atom may be carried out in neat or in the presence of solvents such as THF, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, benzene, toluene, hexane, dioxane and the like or mixture thereof. The reaction may be carried out at a temperature in the range of 0°C to 250°C preferably at a temperature in the range of 10°C 10 to 150°C. The reaction may be carried out in the presence of an acid or a base. The selection of acid or base is not critical. The examples of such acids include H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, HCl, pTsOH, PPE (polyphosphoric ethyl ester) and the like. Examples of bases include pyrrolidine, lutidine, triethyl amine, diisopropylethyl amine, piperidine and the like. The reaction may be carried out in an inert atmosphere which may be maintained by using inert gases such as N<sub>2</sub>, Ar or 15 He. The duration of the reaction may range from 0.25 to 24 h preferably, from 1 to 12 h.

Route (7): The reaction of a compound of formula (IIIk) where all symbols are as defined earlier with a compound of formula (IIIl) where R<sup>9</sup> = R<sup>10</sup> and are as defined earlier excluding hydrogen atom to produce a compound of the formula (I) where R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> together represent a bond may be carried out neat in the presence of a base such as alkali 20 metal hydrides like NaH, or KH or organolithiums like CH<sub>3</sub>Li, BuLi and the like or alkoxides such as NaOMe, NaOEt, K<sup>+</sup>BuO<sup>-</sup> and the like or mixtures thereof. The reaction may be carried out in the presence of aprotic solvents such as THF, dioxane, DMF, DMSO, DME and the like or mixtures thereof. HMPA may be used as cosolvent. The reaction temperature may range from -78°C to 100°C, preferably at a temperature in the range of -10°C to 50°C.

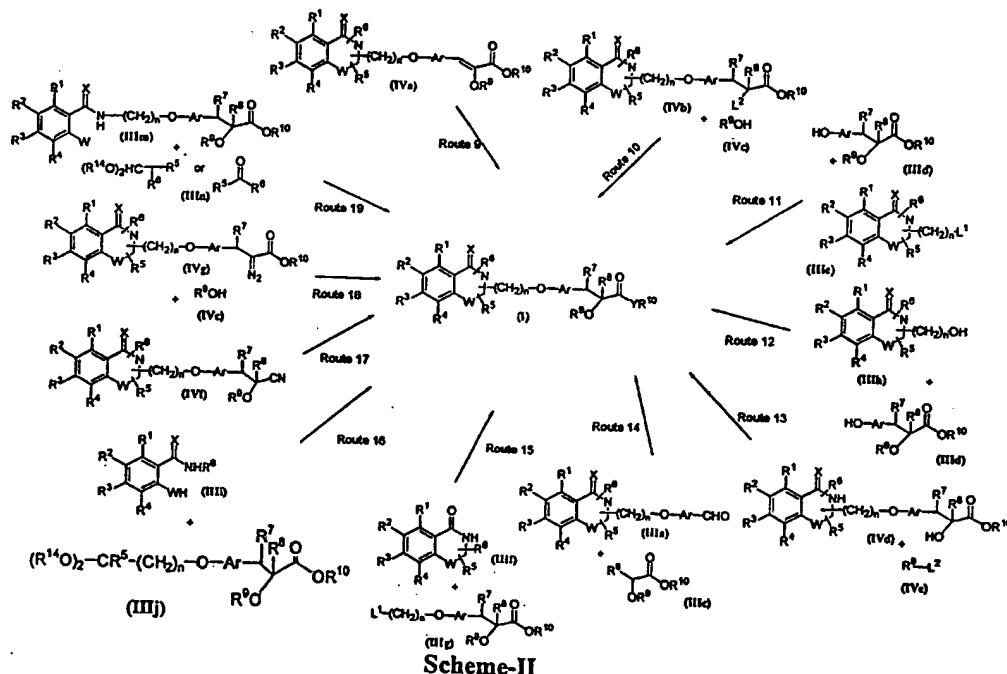
25 Route (8): The reaction of compound of general formula (IIIm), where R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> together represent a bond and all other symbols are as defined earlier with a compound of general formula (IIIn) where R<sup>14</sup> represents lower alkyl group and where all symbols are as defined earlier to produce a compound of general formula (I), where -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O- linker group is attached through nitrogen atom and all other symbols are as defined earlier may be carried 30 out in neat or in the presence of solvents such as xylene, toluene, THF, dioxane, acetic acid, DMF, DMSO and the like or mixtures thereof. The reaction may be carried out in an inert atmosphere which may be maintained by using inert gases such as N<sub>2</sub>, Ar or He. The

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reaction may be carried out at a temperature in the range of 50°C to 200°C, preferably at a temperature in the range of 60°C to 180°C. The reaction may be effected in the presence or in absence of a base or an acid. The nature of the base or the acid is not critical. Examples of such bases include organic bases such as pyridine, lutidine, triethyl amine, diisopropylethyl amine and the like, metal carbonates such as K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>. Examples of acids include organic acids such as AcOH, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>COOH, butyric acid, trifluoroacetic acid, p-toluenesulfonic acid, benzenesulfonic acid and the like, mineral acids such as HCl, HBr etc. The duration of the reaction may range from 0.25 to 48 hours, preferably from 0.50 to 18 hours.

10 In yet another embodiment of the present invention, the compound of general formula (I) where all symbols are as defined earlier, R<sup>7</sup> represents hydrogen atom, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, or unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl group; R<sup>8</sup> represents hydrogen atom, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, or unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl, or acyl group; and Y represents an oxygen atom can be prepared by one or more of the processes shown in Scheme-II below:

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Route (9): The reduction of compound of the formula (IVa) which represents a compound of formula (I) where R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> together represent a bond, Y represent oxygen and all other symbols are as defined earlier, obtained as described earlier in Scheme-I, to yield a compound of the general formula (I) where R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> each represent hydrogen atom and all symbols are as defined earlier, may be carried out in the presence of gaseous hydrogen and a catalyst such as Pd/C, Rh/C, Pt/C, and the like. Mixtures of catalysts may be used. The reaction may also be conducted in the presence of solvents such as dioxane, acetic acid, ethyl acetate and the like. A pressure between atmospheric pressure and 80 psi may be employed. The catalyst may be preferably 5-10 % Pd/C and the amount of catalyst used may range 5 from 50-300% w/w. The reaction may also be carried out by employing metal solvent reduction such as magnesium in alcohol or sodium amalgam in alcohol, preferably methanol. The hydrogenation may be carried out in the presence of metal catalysts containing chiral 10 ligands to obtain a compound of formula (I) in optically active form. The metal catalyst may contain Rhodium, Ruthenium, Indium and the like. The chiral ligands may preferably be 15 chiral phosphines such as 2,3-bis(diphenylphosphino)butane, 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane, 1,2-bis(2-methoxy phenylphosphino)ethane, 2,3-isopropylidene-2,3-dihydroxy-1,4-bis(diphenylphosphino)butane, 2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl and the like. Any suitable chiral catalyst may be employed which would give required 20 optical purity of the product (I) (Ref : Principles of Asymmetric Synthesis, Tet. Org. Chem. Series Vol 14, pp311-316, Ed. Baldwin J. E.).

Route (10): The reaction of compound of formula (IVb) where R<sup>10</sup> is as defined earlier excluding hydrogen atom and all other symbols are as defined earlier and L<sup>2</sup> is a leaving group such as halogen atom with a compound of general formula (IVc), where R<sup>9</sup> is as defined earlier excluding hydrogen atom to produce a compound of the formula (I) may be 25 carried out in the presence of solvents such as THF, DMF, DMSO, DME and the like or mixtures thereof. The reaction may be carried out in an inert atmosphere which may be maintained by using inert gases such as N<sub>2</sub>, Ar, or He. The reaction may be effected in the presence of a base such as KOH, NaOH, NaOMe, NaOEt, K<sup>+</sup>BuO<sup>-</sup> or NaH or mixtures thereof. Phase transfer catalysts such as tetraalkylammonium halides or hydroxides may be 30 employed. The reaction temperature may range from 20°C-120°C, preferably at a temperature in the range of 30°C-100°C. The duration of the reaction may range from 1 to 12 hours, preferably from 2 to 6 hours. The compound of general formula (IVb) where the

linker group  $-(CH_2)_n-O-$  is attached through carbon atom and its preparation has been disclosed in the copending U.S. Application Serial No. 08/982,911.

Route (11): The reaction of compound of formula (IIIe) defined earlier with a compound of formula (IIId) where all symbols are as defined earlier to produce a compound of the formula (I) may be carried out in the presence of solvents such as THF, DMF, DMSO, DME and the like or mixtures thereof. The reaction may be carried out in an inert atmosphere which is maintained by using inert gases such as N<sub>2</sub>, Ar or He. The reaction may be effected in the presence of a base such as K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> or NaH or mixtures thereof. Acetone may be used as a solvent when K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> or Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> is used as a base. The reaction temperature may range from 20°C-120°C, preferably at a temperature in the range of 30°C-80°C. The duration of the reaction may range from 1 to 24 hours, preferably from 2 to 12 hours. The compound of formula (IIId) may be prepared by Wittig Horner reaction between the protected hydroxyaryl aldehyde and compound of formula (IIIB) followed by reduction of the double bond and deprotection. Alternatively, the compound of formula (IIId) may be prepared by following a procedure disclosed in WO 94/01420.

Route (12): The reaction of compound of general formula (IIIf) defined earlier with a compound of general formula (IIId) where all symbols are as defined earlier to produce a compound of the formula (I) where all symbols are as defined above may be carried out using suitable coupling agents such as dicyclohexyl urea, triarylphosphine/dialkylazadcarboxylate such as PPh<sub>3</sub>/DEAD and the like. The reaction may be carried out in the presence of solvents such as THF, DME, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, toluene, acetonitrile, carbon tetrachloride and the like. The inert atmosphere may be maintained by using inert gases such as N<sub>2</sub>, Ar, or He. The reaction may be effected in the presence of DMAP, HOBT and they may be used in the range of 0.05 to 2 equivalents, preferably 0.25 to 1 equivalents. The reaction temperature may be in the range of 0°C to 100°C, preferably at a temperature in the range of 20°C to 80°C. The duration of the reaction may range from 0.5 to 24 hours, preferably from 6 to 12 hours.

Route (13): The reaction of compound of formula (IVd) where all other symbols are as defined earlier with a compound of formula (IVe) where R<sup>9</sup> is as defined earlier excluding hydrogen atom and L<sup>2</sup> is a leaving group such as a halogen atom to produce a compound of formula (I) may be carried out in the presence of solvents such as THF, DMF, DMSO, DME

and the like. The inert atmosphere may be maintained by using inert gases such as N<sub>2</sub>, Ar or He. The reaction may be effected in the presence of a base such as KOH, NaOH, NaOMe, K<sup>+</sup>BuO<sup>-</sup>, NaH and the like. Phase transfer catalyst such as tetraalkylammonium halides or hydroxides may be employed. The reaction temperature may range from 20°C to 150°C,  
5 preferably at a temperature in the range of 30°C to 100°C. The duration of the reaction may range from 1 to 24 hours, preferably from 2 to 6 hours.

The compound of formula (IVd) represents compound of formula (I) where R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen atom, Y is oxygen atom and all other symbols are as defined earlier.

The compound of general formula (IVd) may also be prepared from compound of  
10 formula (IVb), described in copending U.S. Application Serial No. 08/982,911 where L<sup>2</sup> is a halogen atom by reacting with formamide in the presence of water. Alternatively, it can be prepared from (IVa) by heating with aqueous alkali to 20°C to 100°C followed by reesterification of the hydrolysed acid.

Route (14): The reaction of a compound of the general formula (IIIa) as defined  
15 above with a compound of formula (IIIC) where R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen and all other symbols are as defined earlier to produce a compound of formula (I) may be carried out under conventional conditions. The base is not critical. Any base normally employed for aldol condensation reaction may be employed, metal hydride such as NaH, or KH, metal alkoxides such as NaOMe, KOtBu, or NaOEt; metal amides such as LiNH<sub>2</sub>, or LiN(iPr)<sub>2</sub>. Aprotic solvent such  
20 as THF may be used. Inert atmosphere may be employed such as argon and the reaction is more effective under anhydrous conditions. Temperature in the range of -80°C to 25°C may be used. The β-hydroxyaldol product may be dehydroxylated using conventional methods, conveniently by ionic hydrogenation technique such as by treating with a trialkyl silane in the presence of an acid such as trifluoroacetic acid. Solvent such as CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> may be used.  
25 Favorably reaction proceeds at 25°C. Higher temperature may be employed if the reaction is slow.

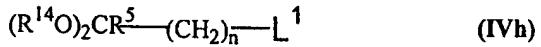
Route (15): The reaction of a compound of general formula (IIIf) where all symbols are as defined earlier with a compound of general formula (II Ig) where all symbols are as defined earlier and L<sup>1</sup> is a leaving group such as halogen atom, p-toluenesulfonate, methanesulfonate, trifluoromethanesulfonate and the like, preferably a halogen atom, to produce a compound of general formula (I) defined above where the -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O- is attached through  
30 nitrogen atom may be carried out in the presence of solvents such as DMSO, DMF, DME,

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THF, dioxane, ether and the like or a combination thereof. The reaction may be carried out in an inert atmosphere which may be maintained by using inert gases such as N<sub>2</sub>, Ar, or He. The reaction may be effected in the presence of a base such as alkalis like sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide; alkali metal carbonates like sodium carbonate or potassium carbonate; alkali metal hydrides such as sodium hydride or potassium hydride; organo-metallic bases like n-butyl lithium; alkali metal amides like sodamide or mixtures thereof. The amount of base may range from 1 to 5 equivalents, based on the amount of the compound of formula (IIIi), preferably the amount of base ranges from 1 to 3 equivalents. The reaction may be carried out at a temperature in the range of 0°C to 150°C, preferably at a temperature in the range of 15°C to 100°C. The duration of the reaction may range from 0.25 to 24 hours, preferably from 0.25 to 6 hours.

Route (16): The reaction of compound of general formula (IIIi) where all symbols are as defined earlier, with a compound of formula (IIIj) where R<sup>14</sup> represents lower alkyl group and all other symbols are as defined earlier to produce a compound of formula (I) where the linker group -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O- is attached through carbon atom and all other symbols are as defined earlier, may be carried out in neat or in the presence of solvents such as THF, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, benzene, toluene, hexane, dioxane and the like or mixture thereof. The reaction may be carried out at a temperature in the range of 0°C to 250°C preferably at a temperature in the range of 10°C to 150°C. The reaction may be carried out in the presence of an acid or a base. The selection of acid or base is not critical. The examples of such acids include H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, HC1, pTsOH, PPE (polyphosphoric ethyl ester) and the like. Examples of bases include pyrrolidine, piperidine and the like. The reaction may be carried out in an inert atmosphere which may be maintained by using inert gases such as N<sub>2</sub>, Ar or He. The duration of the reaction may range from 0.25 to 24 h preferably, from 1 to 12 h.

The compound of general formula (IIIj), where all the symbols are as defined earlier may be prepared by a process which comprises, reacting a compound of the general formula (IVh)



where R<sup>14</sup> is a lower alkyl group and all other symbols are as defined earlier with a compound of general formula (IIId) where R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>8</sup>, R<sup>9</sup>, R<sup>10</sup> and Ar are as defined earlier.

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The reaction of compound of formula (IVh) with compound of formula (IIId) to produce a compound of the formula (IIij) may be carried out in the presence of solvents such as THF, DMF, DMSO, DME and the like or mixtures thereof. The reaction may be carried out in an inert atmosphere which may be maintained by using inert gases such as N<sub>2</sub>, Ar or

5 He. The reaction may be effected in the presence of a base such as K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> or NaH or mixtures thereof. The reaction temperature may range from 20°C-120°C, preferably at a temperature in the range of 30°C-80°C. The duration of the reaction may range from 1-12 hours, preferably from 2 to 6 hours.

Route (17): The conversion of compound of formula (IVf) where all symbols are

10 defined above to a compound of formula (I) may be carried out either in the presence of a base or an acid and the selection of base or acid is not critical. Any base normally used for hydrolysis of nitrile to acid may be employed; metal hydroxides such as NaOH, or KOH in an aqueous solvent or any acid normally used for hydrolysis of nitrile to ester may be employed such as dry HCl in an excess of alcohol such as methanol, ethanol, propanol etc.

15 The reaction may be carried out at a temperature in the range of 0°C to reflux temperature of the solvent used, preferably at a temperature in the range of 25°C to reflux temperature of the solvent used. The duration of the reaction may range from 0.25 to 48 hrs.

Route (18): The reaction of a compound of formula (IVg) where R<sup>10</sup> is as defined earlier excluding hydrogen atom and all other symbols are as defined earlier with a

20 compound of formula (IVc) where R<sup>9</sup> is as defined earlier excluding hydrogen atom to produce a compound of formula (I) (by a rhodium carbenoid mediated insertion reaction) may be carried out in the presence of rhodium (II) salts such as rhodium (II) acetate. The reaction may be carried out in the presence of solvents such as benzene, toluene, dioxane, ether, THF and the like or a combination thereof or when practicable in the presence of

25 R<sup>9</sup>OH as solvent at any temperature providing a convenient rate of formation of the required product, generally at an elevated temperature, such as reflux temperature of the solvent. The inert atmosphere may be maintained by using inert gases such as N<sub>2</sub>, Ar or He. The duration of the reaction may range from 0.5 to 24 h, preferably from 0.5 to 6 h.

Route (19): The reaction of compound of general formula (IIIm), where R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup>

30 are as defined earlier, and all other symbols are as defined earlier with a compound of general formula (IIIn) where R<sup>14</sup> represents lower alkyl group and all other symbols are as

defined earlier to produce a compound of general formula (I), where  $-(CH_2)_n-O-$  linker group is attached through nitrogen atom and all other symbols are as defined earlier may be carried out in neat or in the presence of solvents such as xylene, toluene, THF, dioxane, acetic acid, DMF, DMSO and the like or mixtures thereof. The reaction may be carried out in an inert

5 atmosphere which may be maintained by using inert gases such as N<sub>2</sub>, Ar or He. The reaction may be carried out at a temperature in the range of 50°C to 200°C, preferably at a temperature in the range of 60°C to 180°C. The reaction may be effected in the presence or in absence of a base or an acid. The nature of the base or the acid is not critical. Examples of such bases include organic bases such as pyridine, lutidine, triethyl amine, diisopropyl-

10 ethyl amine and the like, metal carbonates such as K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>. Examples of acids include organic acids such as AcOH, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>COOH, butyric acid, trifluoroacetic acid, p-toluenesulfonic acid, benzenesulfonic acid and the like, mineral acids such as HCl, HBr etc. The duration of the reaction may range from 0.25 to 48 hours, preferably from 0.50 to 18 hours.

15 The compound of general formula (I) where R<sup>10</sup> represents hydrogen atom may be prepared by hydrolysing a compound of formula (I) where R<sup>10</sup> represents all groups defined earlier except hydrogen using conventional methods. The hydrolysis may be carried out in the presence of a base such as Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and a suitable solvent such as methanol, ethanol and the like or mixtures thereof. The reaction may be carried out at a temperature in the range of

20 20-40°C, preferably at 25-30°C. The reaction time may range from 2 to 12 h, preferably from 4 to 8 h.

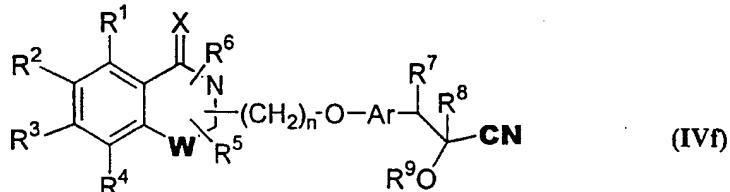
The compound of general formula (I) where Y represents oxygen and R<sup>10</sup> represents hydrogen or a lower alkyl group may be converted to compound of formula (I), where Y represents NR<sup>12</sup> by reaction with appropriate amines of the formula NHR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>12</sup>, where R<sup>10</sup>

25 and R<sup>12</sup> are as defined earlier. Suitably, the compound of formula (I) where YR<sup>10</sup> represents OH may be converted to acid halide, preferably YR<sup>10</sup> = Cl, by reacting with appropriate reagents such as oxalyl chloride, thionyl chloride and the like, followed by treatment with amines of formula NHR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>12</sub> where R<sub>10</sub> and R<sub>12</sub> are as defined earlier. Alternatively, mixed anhydrides may be prepared from compound of formula (I) where YR<sup>10</sup> represents OH and

30 all other symbols are as defined earlier by treating with acid halides such acetyl chloride, acetyl bromide, pivaloyl chloride, dichlorobenzoyl chloride and the like. The reaction may

be carried out in the presence of suitable base such as pyridine, triethylamine, diisopropyl ethyl amine and the like. Solvents such as halogenated hydrocarbons like  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , or  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , hydrocarbons such as benzene, toluene, xylene and the like may be used. The reaction may be carried out at a temperature in the range of  $-40^\circ\text{C}$  to  $40^\circ\text{C}$ , preferably at a temperature in the range of  $0^\circ\text{C}$  to  $20^\circ\text{C}$ . The acid halide or mixed anhydride thus prepared may further be treated with appropriate amines of formula  $\text{NHR}^{10}\text{R}^{12}$  where  $\text{R}^{10}$  and  $\text{R}^{12}$  are as defined earlier.

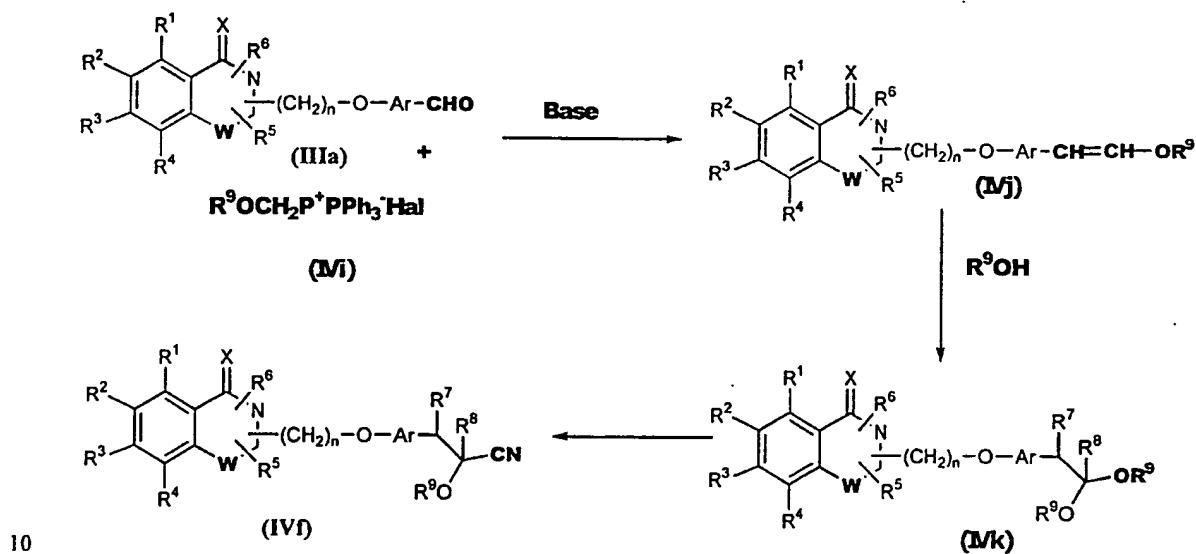
In another embodiment of the present invention the novel intermediate of formula (IVf)



where  $\text{X}$  represents  $\text{O}$  or  $\text{S}$ ; the groups  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$ ,  $\text{R}^3$ ,  $\text{R}^4$  and the groups  $\text{R}^5$ , and  $\text{R}^6$  when attached to carbon atom may be same or different and represent hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, formyl; or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkyloxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, hetero-aryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, amino, alkylamino which may be mono or dialkylamino group, arylamino, acylamino, aralkylamino, aminoalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxy-alkyl, thioalkyl, alkylthio, alkoxy carbonyl amino, aryloxycarbonyl amino, aralkoxycarbonyl amino, carboxylic acid or its derivatives, or sulfonic acid or its derivatives;  $\text{W}$  represents  $\text{O}$ ,  $\text{S}$  or a group  $\text{NR}^{11}$ ;  $\text{R}^{11}$  and the groups  $\text{R}^5$  and  $\text{R}^6$  when attached to nitrogen atom may be the same or different and represent hydrogen, hydroxy, formyl or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkyloxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyalkyl, amino, acylamino, alkylamino which may be mono or dialkylamino group, arylamino, aralkylamino, aminoalkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, alkylthio, thioalkyl, carboxylic acid derivatives, or sulfonic acid derivatives;  $n$  is an integer ranging from 1 - 4;  $\text{Ar}$  represents an unsubstituted or substituted divalent aromatic or heterocyclic group;  $\text{R}^7$  represents hydrogen atom, hydroxy,

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alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl group, or forms a bond with R<sup>8</sup>; R<sup>8</sup> represents hydrogen atom, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, acyl group, unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl, or R<sup>8</sup> forms a bond together with R<sup>7</sup>; R<sup>9</sup> may be hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, 5 alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, acyl, heterocycl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; the linking group represented by -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O- may be attached either through nitrogen atom or carbon atom and a process for its preparation and its use in the preparation of  $\beta$ -aryl- $\alpha$ -substituted hydroxy-alkanoic acids is provided (Scheme-III)



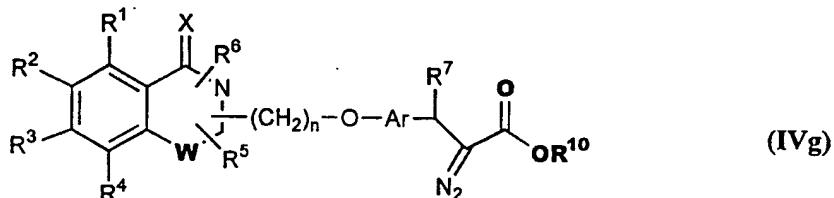
Scheme III

The reaction of a compound of formula (IIIa) where all symbols are as defined earlier with a compound of formula (IVi) where R<sup>9</sup> is as defined earlier excluding hydrogen and Hal represent a halogen atom such as Cl, Br, or I may be carried out under conventional 15 conditions in the presence of a base. The base is not critical. Any base normally employed for Wittig reaction may be employed metal hydride such as NaH or KH; metal alkoxides such as NaOMe or K<sup>t</sup>BuO<sup>-</sup> or NaOEt; or metal amides such as LiNH<sub>2</sub> or LiN(iPr)<sub>2</sub>. Aprotic solvent such as THF, DMSO, dioxane, DME and the like may be used. Mixture of solvents may be used. HMPA may be used as cosolvent. Inert atmosphere may be employed such as 20 argon and the reaction is more effective under anhydrous conditions. Temperature in the range of -80°C to 100°C may be used.

The compound of formula (IVj) where all symbols are as defined earlier may be converted to a compound of formula (IVk) where R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> represent hydrogen atoms and all other symbols are as defined earlier, by treating with alcohol under anhydrous conditions in the presence of a strong anhydrous acid such as p-toluenesulfonic acid.

5 The compound of formula (IVk) defined above upon treatment with trialkylsilyl cyanide such as trimethylsilyl cyanide produces a compound of formula (IVf) where R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> represent hydrogen atoms and all other symbols are as defined earlier.

In still another embodiment of the present invention there is provided the novel intermediate of formula (IVg)

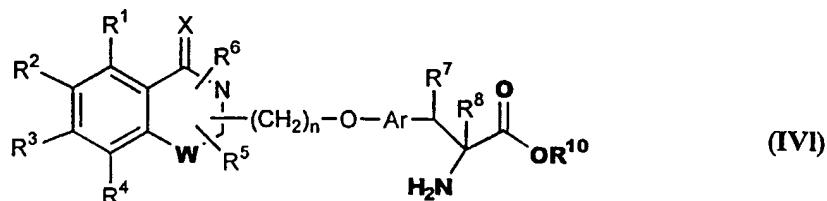


10 where X represents O or S; the groups R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> when attached to carbon atom may be the same or different and represent hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, formyl; unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkyloxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, hetero-  
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 20 or a group NR<sup>11</sup>; R<sup>11</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> when attached to nitrogen atom may be same or different and represent hydrogen, hydroxy, formyl or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyalkyl, amino, acylamino, alkylamino which may be mono or dialkylamino group, arylamino, aralkylamino, aminoalkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxy carbonyl, aralkoxy carbonyl, alkoxy alkyl, aryloxy alkyl, aralkoxy alkyl, alkylthio, thioalkyl, carboxylic acid derivatives, or sulfonic acid derivatives; n is an integer ranging from 1 - 4; Ar represents an unsubstituted or substituted divalent aromatic or heterocyclic group; R<sup>7</sup> represents hydrogen atom, hydroxy,

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alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, or unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl group;  $R^{10}$  may be hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; the linking group represented by  $-(CH_2)_n-O-$  may be attached either through nitrogen atom or carbon atom and a process for its preparation and its use in the preparation of  $\beta$ -aryl- $\alpha$ -substituted hydroxyalkanoic acids is provided.

The compound of formula (IVg) where all other symbols are as defined earlier may be prepared by reacting a compound of formula (IVl)



10 where  $R^8$  is hydrogen atom and all other symbols are as defined earlier, with an appropriate diazotizing agent.

The diazotization reaction may be under conventional conditions. A suitable diazotizing agent is an alkyl nitrile, such as iso-amyl nitrile. The reaction may be carried out in presence of solvents such as THF, dioxane, ether, benzene and the like or a combination thereof. Temperature in the range of  $-50^{\circ}C$  to  $80^{\circ}C$  may be used. The reaction may be carried out in an inert atmosphere which may be maintained by using inert gases such as  $N_2$ , Ar or He. The duration of the reaction may range from 1 to 24 h, preferably, 1 to 12 h.

The compound of formula (IVl) may also be prepared by a reaction between (IIIe) where all symbols are as defined earlier and a compound of formula (IVm)



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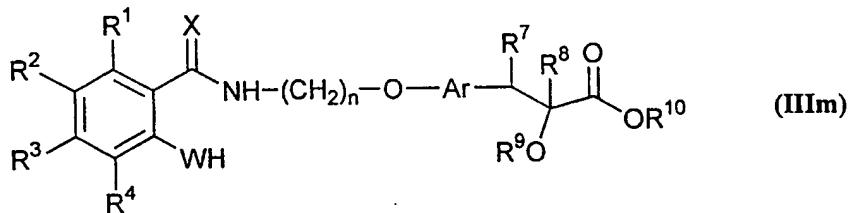
where  $R^8$  is hydrogen atom and all other symbols are as defined earlier.

The reaction of compound of formula (IIIe) where all symbols are as defined earlier and a compound of formula (IVm) where all symbols are as defined earlier may be carried out in the presence of solvents such as THF, DMF, DMSO, DME and the like or mixtures thereof. The reaction may be carried out in an inert atmosphere which is maintained by using inert gases such as  $N_2$ , Ar or He. The reaction may be effected in the presence of a base such

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as  $K_2CO_3$ ,  $Na_2CO_3$  or  $NaH$  or mixtures thereof. Acetone may be used as a solvent when  $K_2CO_3$  or  $Na_2CO_3$  is used as a base. The reaction temperature may range from 20°C-120°C, preferably at a temperature in the range of 30°C-80°C. The duration of the reaction may range from 1 to 24 hours, preferably from 2 to 12 hours.

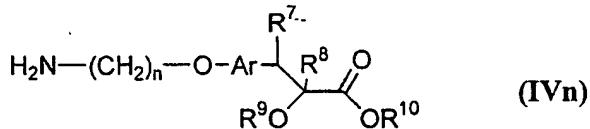
5 In yet another embodiment of the present invention there is provided the novel intermediates of formula (IIIm)



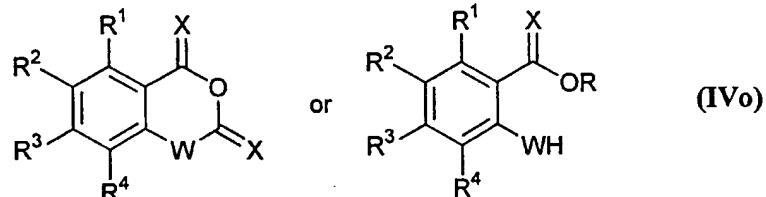
where, X represents O or S; the groups  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  may be same or different and represent hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, formyl; or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkyloxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocycl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxy carbonyl, aralkoxy carbonyl, amino, alkylamino which may be mono or dialkylamino group, arylamino, acylamino, aralkylamino, aminoalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, thioalkyl, alkylthio, alkoxy carbonylamino, aryloxy carbonylamino, aralkoxy carbonylamino, carboxylic acid or its derivatives, or sulfonic acid or its derivatives; W represents O or S; n is an integer ranging from 1 - 4; Ar represents an or unsubstituted or substituted divalent aromatic or heterocyclic group;  $R^7$  represents hydrogen atom, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, or unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl group or  $R^7$  forms a bond with  $R^8$ ;  $R^8$  represents hydrogen atom, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, acyl group, unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl, or  $R^8$  forms a bond together with  $R^7$ ;  $R^9$  may be hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxy carbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, acyl, heterocycl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups;  $R^{10}$  may be hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heterocycl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; the linking group represented by  $-(CH_2)_n-O-$  may be attached either through nitrogen atom or carbon atom and a process for its preparation and its use in the preparation of  $\beta$ -aryl- $\alpha$ -oxysubstituted alkylcarboxylic acids is provided.

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The compound of formula (IIIm) where all symbols are as defined above may be prepared by reacting a compound of formula (IVn)



where all symbols are as defined earlier with a compound of formula (IVo)



5 The reaction of compound of formula (IVn) where all symbols are as defined earlier with a compound of formula (IVo) where  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$ ,  $\text{R}^3$ ,  $\text{R}^4$ ,  $\text{W}$  and  $\text{X}$  are as defined earlier to produce a compound of formula (IIIm) defined earlier may be carried out neat or in the presence of solvents such as xylene, toluene, dioxane, THF, DMF, DMSO, DME and the like or their mixtures. The reaction may be carried out in an inert atmosphere which is maintained by using inert gases such as  $\text{N}_2$ , Ar or He. The reaction temperature may range from  $0^\circ\text{C}$ - $150^\circ\text{C}$ , preferably at a temperature in the range of  $0^\circ\text{C}$ - $120^\circ\text{C}$ . The duration of the reaction may range from 0.5 to 12 hours, preferably from 0.5 to 6 hours.

10 The compound of formula (IVn) and its preparation has been disclosed in our copending application Attorney Docket No. U 011904-5.

15 The pharmaceutically acceptable salts are prepared by reacting the compound of formula (I) wherever applicable with 1 to 4 equivalents of a base such as sodium hydroxide, sodium methoxide, sodium hydride, potassium t-butoxide, potassium hydroxide, calcium hydroxide, magnesium hydroxide and the like, in solvents like ether, THF, methanol, t-butanol, dioxane, isopropanol, ethanol etc. Mixture of solvents may be used. Organic bases like lysine, arginine, diethanolamine, choline, tromethamine, guanidine and their derivatives etc. may also be used. Alternatively, acid addition salts wherever applicable are prepared by treatment with acids such as hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, nitric acid, sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid, p-toluenesulphonic acid, methanesulfonic acid, acetic acid, citric acid, maleic acid, salicylic acid, hydroxynaphthoic acid, ascorbic acid, palmitic acid, succinic acid,

benzoic acid, benzenesulfonic acid, tartaric acid and the like in solvents like ethyl acetate, ether, alcohols, acetone, THF, dioxane etc. Mixture of solvents may also be used.

The stereoisomers of the compounds forming part of this invention may be prepared by using reactants in their single enantiomeric form in the process wherever possible or by 5 conducting the reaction in the presence of reagents or catalysts in their single enantiomer form or by resolving the mixture of stereoisomers by conventional methods. Some of the preferred methods include use of microbial resolution, resolving the diastereomeric salts formed with chiral acids such as mandelic acid, camphorsulfonic acid, tartaric acid, lactic acid, and the like wherever applicable or chiral bases such as brucine, cinchona alkaloids and 10 their derivatives and the like. Commonly used methods are compiled by Jaques et al in "Enantiomers, Racemates and Resolution" (Wiley Interscience, 1981). More specifically the compound of formula (I) where  $YR^{10}$  represents OH may be converted to a 1:1 mixture of diastereomeric amides by treating with optically active amines, aminoacids, aminoalcohols derived from aminoacids; conventional reaction conditions may be employed to convert acid 15 into an amide; the diastereomers may be separated either by fractional crystallization or chromatography and the stereoisomers of compound of formula (I) may be prepared by hydrolyzing the pure diastereomeric amide.

Various polymorphs of compound of general formula (I) forming part of this invention may be prepared by crystallization of compound of formula (I) under different 20 conditions. For example, using different solvents commonly used or their mixtures for recrystallization; crystallizations at different temperatures; various modes of cooling, ranging from very fast to very slow cooling during crystallizations. Polymorphs may also be obtained by heating or melting the compound followed by gradual or fast cooling. The presence of polymorphs may be determined by solid probe NMR spectroscopy, IR 25 spectroscopy, differential scanning calorimetry, powder X-ray diffraction or such other techniques.

The compounds of general formula (I) are useful in the treatment and/or prophylaxis of insulin resistance (type II diabetes), leptin resistance, impaired glucose tolerance, dyslipidemia, disorders related to syndrome X such as hypertension, obesity, insulin 30 resistance, coronary heart disease, and other cardiovascular disorders. These compounds may also be useful as aldose reductase inhibitors, for improving cognitive functions in dementia, treating diabetic complications, disorders related to endothelial cell activation,

psoriasis, polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS), inflammatory bowel diseases, osteoporosis and for the treatment of cancer. The compounds of the present inventions are useful in the treatment and/or prophylaxis of arteriosclerosis and/or xanthoma in combination with one or more HMG CoA reductase inhibitors, hypolipidemic/hypolipoproteinemic agents such as 5 fibric acid derivatives, nicotinic acid, cholestyramine, colestipol, or probucol. The compounds of the present invention in combination with HMG CoA reductase inhibitors, and/or hypolipidemic/hypolipoproteinemic agents can be administered together or within such a period to act synergistically. The HMG CoA reductase inhibitors may be selected 10 from those used for the treatment or prevention of hyperlipidemia such as lovastatin, provastatin, simvastatin, fluvastatin, atorvastatin, cerivastatin and their analogs thereof. Suitable fibric acid derivative may be gemfibrozil, clofibrate, fenofibrate, ciprofibrate, benzafibrate and their analogs thereof.

The present invention also provides a pharmaceutical composition, containing the compounds of the general formula (I), as defined above, their tautomeric forms, their 15 derivatives, their analogs, their stereoisomers, their polymorphs, their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, their pharmaceutically acceptable solvates in combination with the usual pharmaceutically employed carriers, diluents and the like.

The pharmaceutical composition may be in the forms normally employed, such as 20 tablets, capsules, powders, syrups, solutions, suspensions and the like, may contain flavourants, sweeteners etc. in suitable solid or liquid carriers or diluents, or in suitable sterile media to form injectable solutions or suspensions. Such compositions typically contain from 1 to 20%, preferably 1 to 10% by weight of active compound, the remainder of the 25 composition being pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, diluents or solvents.

The compound of the formula (I) as defined above are clinically administered to 25 mammals, including man, via either oral or parenteral routes. Administration by the oral route is preferred, being more convenient and avoiding the possible pain and irritation of injection. However, in circumstances where the patient cannot swallow the medication, or absorption following oral administration is impaired, as by disease or other abnormality, it is 30 essential that the drug be administered parenterally. By either route, the dosage is in the range of about 0.01 to about 100 mg/kg body weight of the subject per day or preferably about 0.01 to about 30 mg/kg body weight per day administered singly or as a divided dose. However, the optimum dosage for the individual subject being treated will be determined by

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the person responsible for treatment, generally smaller doses being administered initially and thereafter increments made to determine the most suitable dosage.

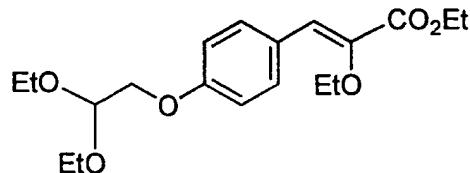
Suitable pharmaceutically acceptable carriers include solid fillers or diluents and sterile aqueous or organic solutions. The active compound will be present in such pharmaceutical compositions in the amounts sufficient to provide the desired dosage in the range as described above. Thus, for oral administration, the compounds can be combined with a suitable solid or liquid carrier or diluent to form capsules, tablets, powders, syrups, solutions, suspensions and the like. The pharmaceutical compositions, may, if desired, contain additional components such as flavourants, sweeteners, excipients and the like. For parenteral administration, the compounds can be combined with sterile aqueous or organic media to form injectable solutions or suspensions. For example, solutions in sesame or peanut oil, aqueous propylene glycol and the like can be used, as well as aqueous solutions of water-soluble pharmaceutically-acceptable acid addition salts or salts with base of the compounds. The injectable solutions prepared in this manner can then be administered intravenously, intraperitoneally, subcutaneously, or intramuscularly, with intramuscular administration being preferred in humans.

The present invention is explained in detail in the examples given which are provided by way of illustration only and therefore should not to be construed to limit the scope of the invention.

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### Preparation 1

#### **Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[(2,2-diethoxy)ethoxy]phenyl]-2-propenoate**



To a stirred suspension of sodium hydride (756 mg, 32 mmol, 95%) in dry THF (60 mL) was added a solution of ethyl(diethylphosphono)ethoxyacetate (6.20 g, 23.1 mmol) in THF (20 mL) at 0-5°C dropwise and stirred for 30 min at 5-25°C. To the reaction mixture was added a solution of 4-[(2,2-diethoxy)ethoxy]benzaldehyde (5.0 g, 21.0 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at 25°C and stirred further for 30 min. After completion of the reaction (TLC monitored), THF was removed and the resultant residue was diluted with water (100 mL) and

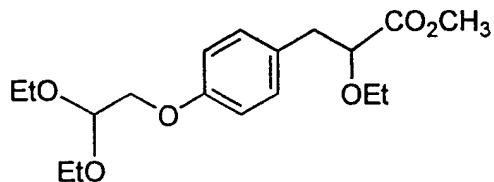
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extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 25 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated to yield the title compound (6.5 g, 88%) as a mixture of E/Z isomers.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.75 (d,  $J = 8.77$  Hz, 2H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.92 (d,  $J = 8.77$  Hz, 2H), 4.84 (t,  $J = 5.12$  Hz, 1H), 4.29 (q,  $J = 7.10$  Hz, 2H), 4.10 - 3.90 (m, 4H), 3.90 - 3.55 (m, 4H), 1.37 (t,  $J = 7.10$  Hz, 6H), 1.25 (t,  $J = 7.03$  Hz, 6H).

### Preparation 2

#### **Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[(2,2-diethoxy)ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate**

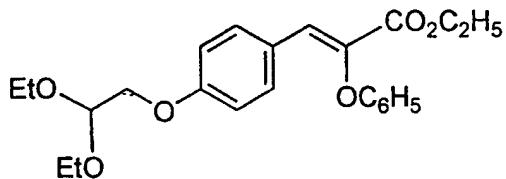


10 A mixture of ethyl 2-ethoxy 3-[4-[(2,2-diethoxy)ethoxy]phenyl]-2-propenoate (500 mg, 1.42 mmol) obtained in preparation 1, and magnesium turnings (340 mg, 14.2 mmol) in methanol (15 mL) was stirred at 45-50°C until the reaction started (as evidenced by hydrogen evolution). On initiation of the reaction, the mixture was stirred at 25°C for a further 2 h. The reaction mixture was added to ice water (15 mL), the pH adjusted to 7.5-8.0 using 10% aqueous hydrochloric acid, and the solution extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel using a gradient of 5-15% ethyl acetate in pet ether as eluent to afford the title compound (436 mg, 87%).

15  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.14 (d,  $J = 8.50$  Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d,  $J = 8.50$  Hz, 2H), 4.82 (t,  $J = 5.15$  Hz, 1H), 4.05 - 3.92 (m, 1H), 3.97 (d,  $J = 5.15$  Hz, 2H), 3.85 - 3.50 (m, 5H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.45 - 3.25 (m, 1H), 2.95 (d,  $J = 6.64$  Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t,  $J = 7.03$  Hz, 6H), 1.16 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H).

### Preparation 3

#### **Ethyl 2-phenoxy-3-[4-[(2,2-diethoxy)ethoxy]phenyl]-2-propenoate**



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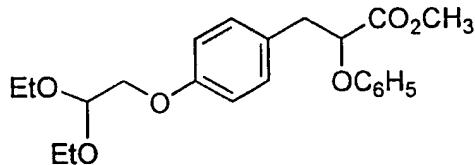
The title compound (2.25 g, 65%) as a mixture of E/Z isomers was obtained from 4-[(2,2-diethoxy)ethoxy]benzaldehyde (2.05 g, 8.63 mmol), ethyl(diethylphosphono) phenoxyacetate (3.0 g, 9.49 mmol) and NaH (310 mg, 12.94 mmol, 95%) by a similar procedure to that described in preparation 1.

5       <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.50 - 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.15 - 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.95 - 6.70 (m, 3H), 4.90 - 4.70 (m, 1H), 4.30 - 4.08 (m, 2H), 4.03 (t, J = 6.80 Hz, 2H), 3.90 - 3.50 (m, 4H), 1.30 - 1.10 (m, 9H).

#### Preparation 4

##### Methyl 2-phenoxy-3-[4-[(2,2-diethoxy)ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate

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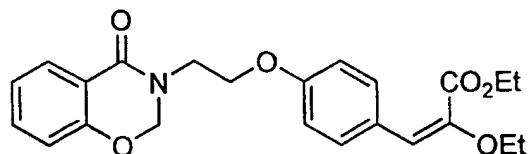


The title compound (1.36 g, 66%) was obtained as a liquid from ethyl 2-phenoxy-3-[4-[(2,2-diethoxy)ethoxy]phenyl]-2-propenoate (2.05 g, 5.1 mmol) obtained in preparation 3 and magnesium turnings (1.23 g, 51 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in preparation 2.

15       <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.35 - 7.15 (m, 5H), 7.0 - 6.8 (m, 4H), 4.76 (t, J = 5.20 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.8 - 3.5 (m, 5H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.18 (d, J = 6.96 Hz, 2H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.01 Hz, 6H).

#### Example-1

##### Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]-2-propenoate



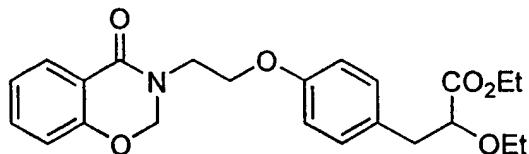
The title compound (4.7 g, 76%) was obtained as a white solid from 4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]benzaldehyde (4.5 g, 15.15 mmol), ethyl(diethylphosphono)ethoxy acetate (4.9 g, 18.18 mmol) and NaH (545 mg, 22.73 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in preparation 1: mp 81-83°C.

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.95 (d, J = 6.64 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.72 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, J = 6.86 Hz, 1H), 7.20 - 7.00 (m, 2H), 7.02 - 6.80 (m, 3H), 5.37 (s, 2H), 4.40 - 4.05 (m, 4H), 4.05 - 3.80 (m, 4H), 1.50 - 1.20 (m, 6H).

**Example-2**

5        **( $\pm$ )-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate**

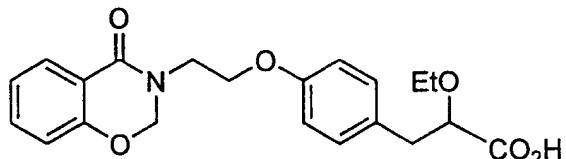


A solution of ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]-2-propenoate (4.5 g, 10.5 mmol) obtained in Example 1, in 1,4-dioxane (50 ml) was reduced with hydrogen in the presence of 10% palladium charcoal (450 mg) at 50-60 psi for 12 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through a bed of celite and the celite bed was washed with 1,4-dioxane. The filtrate was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure to yield the title compound (3.5 g, 78%): mp 78-80°C.

15      <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.90 (d, J = 7.56 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.05 Hz, 1H), 7.26 - 7.07 (m, 3H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.30 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.62 Hz, 2H), 5.37 (s, 2H), 4.21 - 4.11 (m, 4H), 3.98 - 3.92 (m, 3H), 3.63 - 3.55 (m, 1H), 3.37 - 3.29 (m, 1H), 2.93 (d, J = 6.55 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.10 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.05 Hz, 3H).

**Example-3**

20      **( $\pm$ )-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid**



To a stirred solution of ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate (3.5 g, 8.5 mmol), obtained in Example 2, in methanol (25 mL) was added a solution of sodium carbonate (4.5 g, 42.5 mmol) in water (25 mL) and stirred for 25 h at 25-30°C. Methanol was removed under reduced pressure and the aqueous layer was washed with ethylacetate. The aqueous layer was acidified to pH 2.0 with 2N HCl. The

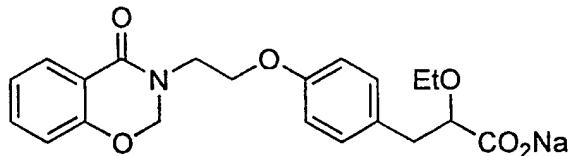
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white solid precipitated was filtered and dried to yield the title compound (3.04 g, 93%): mp 103-105°C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.05 (d, J = 6.70 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.30 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.20 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.30 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.20 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.41 Hz, 2H), 5 5.46 (s, 2 H), 4.27 (t, J = 4.70 Hz, 2H), 4.11-3.90 (m, 1H), 4.05 (t, J = 4.70 Hz, 2H), 3.80 - 3.60 (m, 1H), 3.60 - 3.40 (m, 1H), 3.14 (dd, J = 14.10 and 4.27 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (dd, J = 14.20 and 7.50 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.07 Hz, 3H).

#### Example-4

( $\pm$ )-Sodium 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl] propanoate

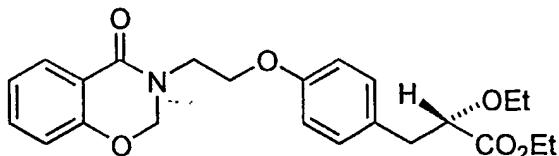


To a stirred suspension of ( $\pm$ )-2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid (100 mg, 0.26 mmol), obtained in Example 3 in methanol (3 mL) was added a solution of sodium methoxide (54 mg, 1.0 mmol) in methanol (1 mL) 15 dropwise at 30°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for further 1 h. Diethylether (5 mL) was added and the white solid precipitated was filtered and dried to afford the title compound (85 mg, 80%): mp 186-188°C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.83 (d, J = 7.56 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.68 Hz, 1H), 7.21 - 7.07 (m, 4H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.39 Hz, 2H), 5.43 (s, 2 H), 4.13 (t, J = 5.19 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (t, J = 5.02 Hz, 2H), 3.62 - 3.48 (m, 2H), 3.12 (t, J = 4.36 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, J = 14.12 and 3.32 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (dd, J = 14.12 and 9.04 Hz, 1H), 0.98 (t, J = 7.01 Hz, 3H).

#### Example-5

(+)-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl] propanoate



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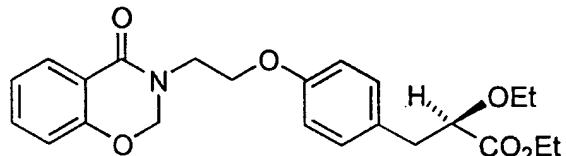
To a stirred mixture of 3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazine (325 mg, 1.68 mmol) and triphenylphosphine (660 mg, 2.52 mmol) in toluene (10 mL) was added a solution of (+)-ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propanoate (400 mg, 1.68 mmol) at 25°C and stirred for 10 min. To the reaction mixture was added diisopropylazodicarboxylate (0.5 mL, 2.52 mmol) at 25-30°C and stirred for further 40 h. Water was added to the reaction mixture and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel using a gradient of 5-15% ethyl acetate in pet ether as eluent to afford the title compound (527 mg, 76%): mp 76-78°C.

[ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> 12.2 (C=0.5, MeOH).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.94 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.72 Hz, 1H), 7.17 - 6.95 (m, 6H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.30 Hz, 2H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 4.22 - 4.11 (m, 3H), 3.95 (t, J = 4.61 Hz, 2H), 3.63 - 3.55 (m, 1H), 3.37 - 3.29 (m, 1H), 2.93 (d, J = 6.64 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.06 Hz, 3H), 1.15 (t, J = 7.05 Hz, 3H).

15 **Example-6**

**(-)-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate**



The title compound (500 mg, 64%) was obtained from 3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazine (364 mg, 1.89 mmol), (-)-ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propanoate (450 mg, 1.89 mmol), triphenylphosphine (745 mg, 2.84 mmol) and diisopropylazodicarboxylate (575 mg, 2.84 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 5: mp 76-78°C.

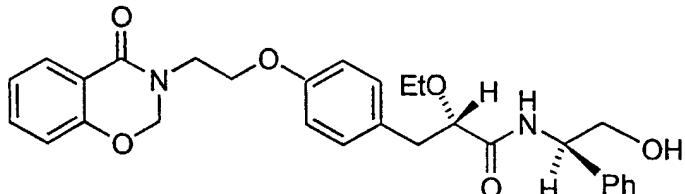
[ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -11.96 (C=0.51, MeOH)

25 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.95 (d, J = 7.75 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.45 Hz, 1H), 7.22 - 7.03 (m, 3H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.75 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.63 Hz, 2H), 5.37 (s, 2H), 4.22 - 4.05 (m, 4H), 4.05 - 3.86 (m, 3H), 3.70 - 3.50 (m, 1H), 3.41 - 3.20 (m, 1H), 2.93 (d, J = 6.59 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.05 Hz, 3H), 1.15 (t, J = 7.05 Hz, 3H).

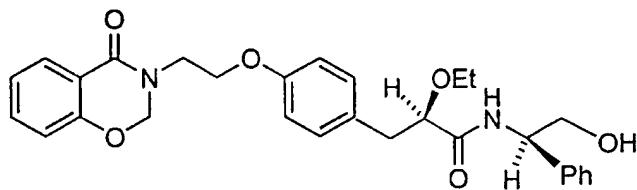
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Example-7

[2R, N(1S)] 2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]-N-(2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)propanamide (7a)



5 [2S, N(1S)] 2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]-N-(2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)propanamide (7b)



To a stirred solution of 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid (500 mg, 1.30 mmol) obtained in Example 3, in dry dichloromethane (6 mL) was added triethylamine (0.45  $\mu$ L, 3.24 mmol) at 0°C, followed by addition of pivaloyl chloride (180 mg, 1.5 mmol) and stirred for 30 min. at the same temperature. To this reaction mixture was added a solution of (S)(+)-2-phenylglycinol (180 mg, 1.3 mmol) in dichloromethane (2 mL) containing triethylamine (0.37 mL, 2.6 mmol). After stirring for 1 h, dichloromethane (10 mL) was added and the mixture was washed with water, brine, dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and evaporated. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel using a gradient of 10-50% ethyl acetate in pet ether as eluent to afford firstly a diastereomer tentatively assigned as [2R,N(1S)] 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]-N-(2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)propanamide (7a) followed by [2S, N(1S)] 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]-N-(2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)propanamide (7b).

Spectral Data for 7a:

$[\alpha]_D^{25} = 43.8$  (C=0.5, MeOH). mp: 64-68°C

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.94 (d,  $J = 7.80$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t,  $J = 7.38$  Hz, 1H), 7.40 - 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.26 - 7.10 (m, 4H), 7.10 - 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.82 (d,  $J = 8.40$  Hz, 2H), 5.37 (s, 2H), 5.07 - 4.90 (m, 1H), 4.20 (t,  $J = 4.63$  Hz, 2H), 4.06-3.90 (m, 3H), 3.69 - 3.65 (m, 2H), 3.48

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(q,  $J = 7.00$  Hz, 2H), 3.11 (dd,  $J = 14.10$  and  $3.74$  Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd,  $J = 14.10$  and  $6.23$  Hz, 1H), 1.14(t,  $J = 7.00$  Hz, 3H).

Spectral data for 7b:

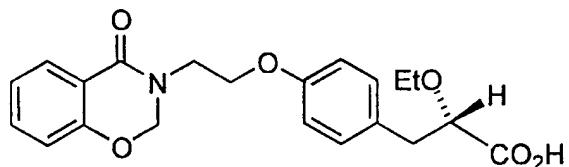
$[\alpha]_D^{25} = 5.20$  (C=0.5, MeOH). mp: 88-92°C

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.97 (d,  $J = 7.75$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t,  $J = 7.75$  Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d,  $J = 8.40$  Hz, 2H), 7.30 - 6.95 (m, 7H), 6.73 (d,  $J = 8.40$  Hz, 2H), 5.40 (s, 2H), 5.08 - 4.95 (m, 1H), 4.16 (t,  $J = 4.70$  Hz, 2H), 4.05-3.92 (m, 3H), 3.90-3.82 (m, 2H), 3.54 (q,  $J = 6.75$  Hz, 2H), 3.10 (dd,  $J = 14.10$  and  $3.74$  Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd,  $J = 14.10$  and  $6.73$  Hz, 1H), 1.19(t,  $J = 7.01$  Hz, 3H).

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Example-8

(+)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid



Method A

15 A solution of [2R, N(1S)] 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]-N-(2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)propanamide (1.60 g, 3.17 mmol) obtained in Example 7a, in a mixture of 1M sulphuric acid (40 mL) and dioxane/water (1:1, 144 mL) was heated at 100°C for 16 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to 25°C and dioxane was removed under reduced pressure. The remaining aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated to yield the title compound (950 mg, 78%).

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Method B

The title compound (116 mg, 83%) was obtained from (+)-ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate (150 mg, 0.36 mmol) obtained in Example 5, and sodium carbonate (192 mg, 1.8 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 3: mp 88-90°C.

$[\alpha]_D^{25} = 18.0$  (C=0.5, MeOH).

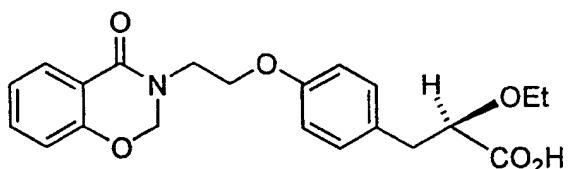
$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.90 (d,  $J = 7.66$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t,  $J = 7.60$  Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 8.40$  Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t,  $J = 7.60$  Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d,  $J = 7.60$  Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d,  $J = 8.40$  Hz, 2H),

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5.38 (s, 2H), 4.19 (t,  $J$  = 4.70 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (dd,  $J$  = 7.35 and 4.35 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (t,  $J$  = 4.70 Hz, 2H), 3.72 - 3.53 (m, 1H), 3.53 - 3.38 (m, 1H), 3.12 (dd,  $J$  = 14.11 and 4.35 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dd,  $J$  = 14.11 and 7.35 Hz, 1H), 1.17 (t,  $J$  = 7.05 Hz, 3H).

Example-9

5 (-)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid



Method A

10 The title compound (780 mg, 81%) was obtained from [2S, N(1S)] 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]-N-(2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl) propanamide (1.03 g, 2.5 mmol) obtained in Example 7b, by a similar procedure described in Example 8 Method A.

Method B

15 The title compound (130 mg, 94%) was obtained from (-)-ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate (149 mg, 0.36 mmol) obtained in Example 6, and sodium carbonate (384 mg, 1.8 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 3: mp 91-93°C.

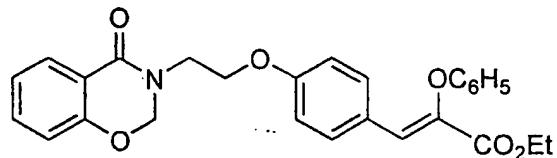
$[\alpha]_D^{25} = -19.8$  (C=0.5, MeOH).

20  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.96 (d,  $J$  = 7.80 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t,  $J$  = 7.80 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 8.45 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t,  $J$  = 7.40 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d,  $J$  = 7.40 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d,  $J$  = 8.45 Hz, 2H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 4.19 (t,  $J$  = 4.75 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (dd,  $J$  = 7.35 and 4.40 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (t,  $J$  = 4.75 Hz, 2H), 3.70 - 3.50 (m, 1H), 3.50 - 3.33 (m, 1H), 3.09 (dd,  $J$  = 14.11 and 4.40 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dd,  $J$  = 14.11 and 7.35 Hz, 1H), 1.18 (t,  $J$  = 7.01 Hz, 3H).

Example 10

25 ( $\pm$ )-Ethyl 2-phenoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]-2-propenoate

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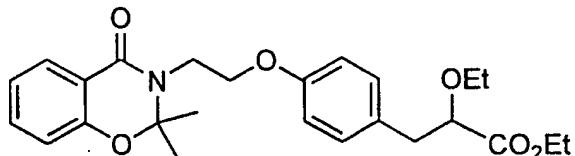
The title compound (520 mg, 56%) as a mixture of E/Z isomer was obtained from 4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]benzaldehyde (594 mg, 2.0 mmol), ethyl(diethyl phosphono)phenoxyacetate (695 mg, 2.2 mmol) (J. Org. Chem., 1983, 48, 3407) and sodium hydride (75 mg, 3.0 mmol, 95%) as a base by a similar procedure to that described in preparation 1: mp 104-106°C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.05 - 7.90 (m, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.60 Hz, 1H), 7.60 - 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.20 - 6.95 (m, 4H), 6.95 - 6.80 (m, 2H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 5.39 and 5.35 (s, 2H), 4.40 - 4.08 (m, 4H), 4.08 - 3.90 (m, 2H), 1.20 and 1.07 (t, J = 7.05 Hz, 3H).

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### Example-11

(±)-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[2,2-dimethyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate



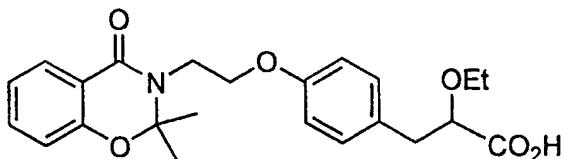
To a stirred solution of 2,2-dimethyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazine (0.3 g, 1.69 mmol) in DMF (3 mL) was added potassium carbonate (0.47 g, 3.39 mmol) and stirred for 30 min. To this reaction mixture was added a solution of ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-(2-bromoethoxy)phenyl]propanoate (0.70 g, 2.03 mmol) (disclosed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No 09/012, 585) in DMF (1 mL) and stirred for 24 h at 60-70°C. The reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel using a gradient of 5-15% of ethyl acetate in pet ether as eluent to afford the title compound (0.34 g, 45 %) as a liquid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.91 (d, J = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.35 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.35 Hz, 2H), 4.28 - 4.05 (m, 4H), 4.05 - 3.80 (m, 3H), 3.70 - 3.50 (m, 1H), 3.50 - 3.22 (m, 1H), 2.93 (d, J = 6.65 Hz, 2H), 1.74 (s, 6H), 1.22 (t, J = 7.05 Hz, 3H), 1.15 (t, J = 6.95 Hz, 3H).

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Example-12

( $\pm$ )-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[2,2-dimethyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl] ethoxy] phenyl]propanoic acid

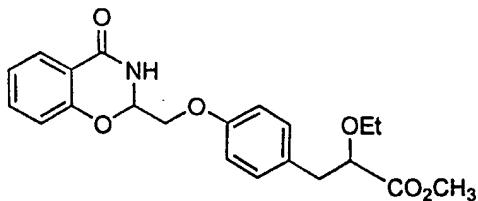


5 The title compound (105 mg, 75%) was obtained from ( $\pm$ )-ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[2,2-dimethyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate (150 mg, 0.34 mmol) obtained in Example 11 and sodium carbonate (180 mg, 1.7 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 3. mp: 80-82°C.

10  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.91 (d,  $J$  = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t,  $J$  = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 8.40 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (t,  $J$  = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d,  $J$  = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d,  $J$  = 8.40 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (t,  $J$  = 5.30 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (dd,  $J$  = 7.25 and 4.25 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (t,  $J$  = 5.30 Hz, 2H), 3.70-3.35 (m, 2H), 3.08 (dd,  $J$  = 14.11 and 4.25 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (dd,  $J$  = 14.11 and 7.25 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (s, 6H), 1.17 (t,  $J$  = 6.95 Hz, 3H).

Example-13

15 ( $\pm$ ) Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoate



20 To a stirred solution of polyphosphonate ethyl ester (PPE) (3.46 g, 8.0 mmol) in chloroform (10 mL) was added salicyl amide (548 mg, 4.0 mmol) followed by addition of a solution of ( $\pm$ )-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2,2-diethoxyethoxy]phenyl]propanoate (1.28 g, 4.4 mmol) obtained in preparation 2, in chloroform (10 mL) dropwise at 25-30°C. The reaction mixture was immersed in a preheated oil bath at 70°C and refluxed 12 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and  $\text{CHCl}_3$  was removed under reduced pressure. The resultant residue was neutralised (pH = 7.0) with saturated aqueous  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed

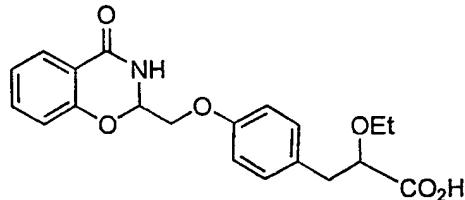
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with brine, dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated. The crude compound was chromatographed on silica gel using a gradient of 5-25% of ethyl acetate in pet ether as eluent to afford the title compound (1.15 g, 72%) as a pale yellow liquid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.97 (d,  $J = 7.75$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t,  $J = 8.50$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d,  $J = 8.62$  Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t,  $J = 7.50$  Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 8.50$  Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d,  $J = 8.62$  Hz, 2H), 5.69 (t,  $J = 4.95$  Hz, 1H), 4.39 (dd,  $J = 9.64, 4.19$  Hz, 1H), 4.30 - 3.90 (m, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.71 - 3.50 (m, 1H), 3.45 - 3.21 (m, 1H), 2.97 (d,  $J = 6.96$  Hz, 2H), 1.17 (t,  $J = 7.05$  Hz, 3H).

**Example-14**

**( $\pm$ )-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro 1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid**

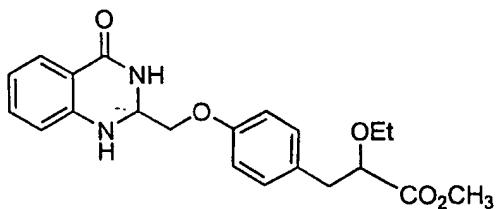


The title compound (300 mg, 75%) was obtained from ( $\pm$ )-methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate (432 mg, 1.08 mmol) obtained in Example 13, and sodium carbonate (318 mg, 3.0 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 3. mp : 126-128°C.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.96 (d,  $J = 7.80$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t,  $J = 7.80$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d,  $J = 8.50$  Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t,  $J = 7.80$  Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d,  $J = 7.80$  Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d,  $J = 8.50$  Hz, 2H), 5.65 (t,  $J = 5.35$  Hz, 1H), 4.35 (dd,  $J = 9.90$  and 4.25 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dd,  $J = 9.60$  and 6.60 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (t,  $J = 5.80$  Hz, 1H), 3.70 - 3.52 (m, 1H), 3.52 - 3.40 (m, 1H), 3.20 - 2.90 (m, 2H), 1.20 (t,  $J = 7.05$  Hz, 3H).

**Example-15**

**( $\pm$ )-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoate**



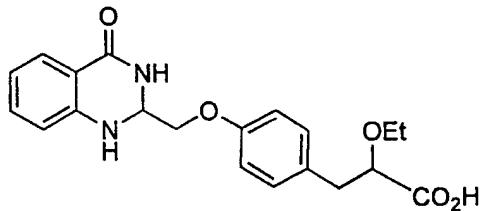
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The title compound (900 mg, 62%) was obtained as a liquid from anthranilamide (500 mg, 3.67 mmol), ( $\pm$ )-methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[(2,2-diethoxy)ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate (1.43 g, 4.0 mmol) obtained in preparation 2 and polyphosphonate ethyl ester (3.18 g, 7.35 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 13.

5        $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.91 (d,  $J$  = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d,  $J$  = 8.40 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (t,  $J$  = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d,  $J$  = 8.40 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d,  $J$  = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (bs, 1H,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable), 5.23 (t,  $J$  = 5.00 Hz, 1H), 4.40 - 4.10 (m, 2H), 4.10 - 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.70 - 3.52 (m, 1H), 3.48 - 3.22 (m, 1H), 2.99 (d,  $J$  = 6.22 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (t,  $J$  = 6.95 Hz, 3H).

10       Example-16

( $\pm$ )-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid



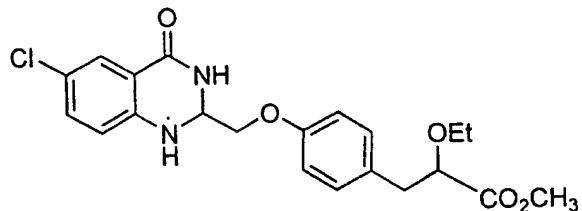
15       The title compound (360 mg, 69%) was obtained from ( $\pm$ )-methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoate (560 mg, 1.4 mmol) obtained in Example 15, and sodium carbonate (750 mg, 7.0 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 3: mp 173°C.

20        $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3+\text{DMSO}$ ):  $\delta$  7.79 (d,  $J$  = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (bs, 1H,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable), 7.27 (t,  $J$  = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J$  = 8.30 Hz, 2H), 6.81 - 6.69 (m, 4H), 5.87 (bs, 1H,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable), 5.12 (t,  $J$  = 5.10 Hz, 1H), 4.20 - 3.95 (m, 2H), 3.92 (dd,  $J$  = 7.80, 4.89 Hz, 1H), 3.72 - 3.50 (m, 1H), 3.40 - 3.20 (m, 1H), 3.10 - 2.80 (m, 2H), 1.14 (t,  $J$  = 6.95 Hz, 3H).

25       Example-17

( $\pm$ )-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoate

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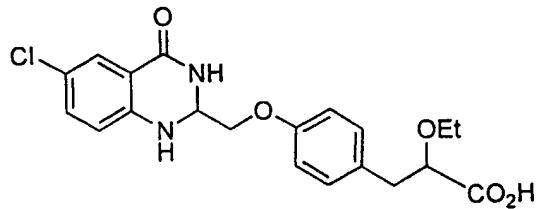
The title compound (640 mg, 50%) was obtained as a liquid from 5-chloro anthranilamide (500 mg, 2.93 mmol), (±)-methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[(2,2-diethoxy)ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate (1.41 g, 3.22 mmol) obtained in preparation 2 and polyphosphonate ethyl ester (2.53 g, 5.86 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 13.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.83 (d, J = 2.26 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, J = 8.60 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.40 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.40 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, J = 8.60 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (t, J = 4.70 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (bs, 1H, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 4.11 (t, J = 6.60, 1H), 3.99 (q, J = 4.70 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.70 - 3.50 (m, 1H), 3.40 - 3.20 (m, 1H), 2.95 (d, J = 6.60 Hz, 2H), 1.14 (t, J = 6.95 Hz, 3H).

10 3H).

#### Example-18

(±)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl] propanoic acid



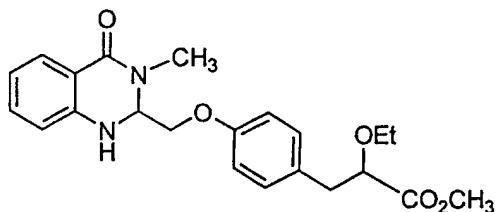
15 The title compound (140 mg, 73%) was obtained from (±)-methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoate (200 mg, 0.46 mmol) obtained in Example 17 and sodium carbonate (245 mg, 2.31 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 3: mp: 156-158°C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.25 - 7.05 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.30 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (bs, 1H, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 6.85 - 6.70 (m, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.30 Hz, 2H), 5.02 (t, J = 4.90 Hz, 1H), 4.10 - 3.80 (m, 3H), 3.70 - 3.45 (m, 1H), 3.45 - 3.20 (m, 1H), 3.0 - 2.70 (m, 2H), 1.08 (t, J = 6.95 Hz, 3H).

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Example-19

( $\pm$ )-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-methyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoate

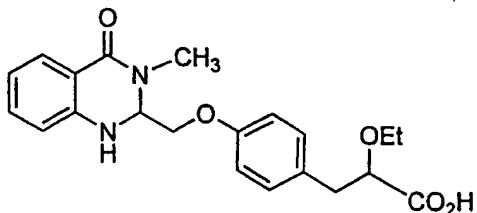


5 The title compound (870 mg, 41%) was obtained as a liquid from N-methyl anthranilamide (765 mg, 5.1 mmol), ( $\pm$ )-methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[(2,2-diethoxy)ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate obtained in preparation 2 (2.0 g, 5.6 mmol) and polyphosphoinate ethyl ester (4.40 g, 10.2 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 13: mp 138-140°C.

10  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.91 (d,  $J = 7.60$  Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t,  $J = 7.60$  Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d,  $J = 8.50$  Hz, 2H), 6.86 (t,  $J = 7.60$  Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d,  $J = 8.50$  Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d,  $J = 7.60$  Hz, 1H), 4.94 (dd,  $J = 8.50$  and 3.25 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (bs, 1H,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable), 4.11 (t,  $J = 8.80$  Hz, 1H), 4.02 - 3.90 (m, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.70 - 3.48 (m, 1H), 3.42 - 3.25 (m, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.94 (d,  $J = 6.13$  Hz, 2H), 1.15 (t,  $J = 7.01$  Hz, 3H).

Example-20

( $\pm$ )-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-methyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid



20 The title compound (64 mg, 72%) was obtained as a liquid from ( $\pm$ )-methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-methyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoate obtained in Example 19 (100 mg, 0.23 mmol) and sodium carbonate (124 mg, 1.16 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 3:

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.90 (d,  $J = 7.50$  Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t,  $J = 7.50$  Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d,  $J = 8.40$  Hz, 2H), 6.86 (t,  $J = 7.50$  Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d,  $J = 8.40$  Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d,  $J = 7.50$  Hz, 1H),

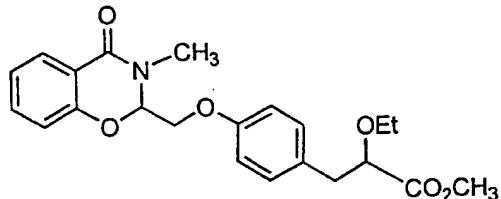
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4.95 (dd,  $J = 8.65$  and  $3.85$  Hz, 1H), 4.20 - 3.90 (m, 3H), 3.75 - 3.35 (m, 2H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 3.15 - 2.80 (m, 2H), 1.18 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H).

Example-21

( $\pm$ )-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[(3-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl)methoxy]phenyl]propanoate

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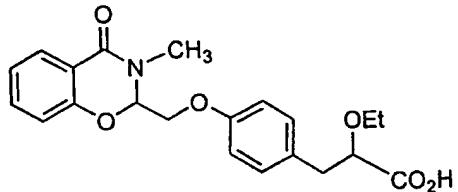
The title compound (735 mg, 60%) was obtained as a gummy mass from N-methyl salicylamide (450 mg, 3.0 mmol), ( $\pm$ )-methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[(2,2-diethoxy)ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate obtained in preparation 2 (1.16 g, 3.3 mmol) and polyphosphonate ethyl ester (2.59 g, 6.0 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 13.

10  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.93 (d,  $J = 7.50$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t,  $J = 7.50$  Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d,  $J = 8.40$  Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t,  $J = 7.50$  Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d,  $J = 7.50$  Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d,  $J = 8.40$  Hz, 2H), 5.62 (t,  $J = 5.50$  Hz, 1H), 4.25 (dd,  $J = 10.25$  and  $6.25$  Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dd,  $J = 10.25$  and  $5.25$  Hz, 1H), 3.96 (t,  $J = 6.50$  Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.70 - 3.50 (m, 1H), 3.40 - 3.15 (m, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.93 (d,  $J = 6.50$  Hz, 2H), 1.14 (t,  $J = 7.05$  Hz, 3H).

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Example-22

( $\pm$ )-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[(3-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl)methoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid



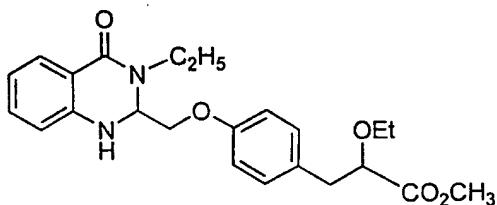
20 The title compound (325 mg, 75%) was obtained as a liquid from ( $\pm$ )-methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[(3-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl)methoxy]phenyl]propanoate (472 mg, 1.18 mmol) obtained in Example 21 and sodium carbonate (362 mg, 3.42 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 3.

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.90 (d, J = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.40 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.40 Hz, 2H), 5.30 (t, J = 5.50 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (dd, J = 9.75, 5.95 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dd, J = 9.75 and 4.95 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (t, J = 6.40 Hz, 1H), 3.72 - 3.52 (m, 1H), 3.42 - 3.20 (m, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 3.05 - 5 2.80 (m, 2H), 1.15 (t, J = 6.95 Hz, 3H).

Example-23

( $\pm$ )-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-ethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoate

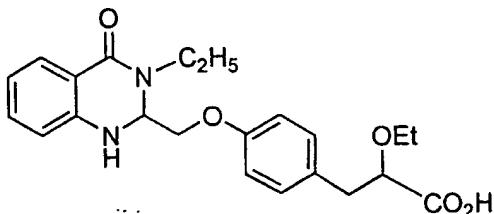


10 The title compound (1.18 g, 54%) was obtained as a colorless liquid from N-ethyl-anthranilamide (840 mg, 5.1 mmol), ( $\pm$ )-methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[(2,2-diethoxy)ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate obtained in preparation 2 (2.0 g, 5.6 mmol) and polyphosphonate ethyl ester (4.40 g, 10.2 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 13.

15 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.89 (d, J = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, J = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.40 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (t, J = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.40 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, J = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (dd, J = 8.72 and 3.32 Hz, 1H), 4.40 - 3.80 (m, 4H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.62 - 3.40 (m, 1H), 3.40 - 3.22 (m, 1H), 3.22 - 3.02 (m, 1H), 2.93 (d, J = 6.22 Hz, 2H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.15 Hz, 3H), 1.14 (t, J = 6.95 Hz, 3H).

Example-24

20 ( $\pm$ )-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-ethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid



The title compound (324 mg, 81%) was obtained as a liquid from ( $\pm$ )-methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-ethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoate

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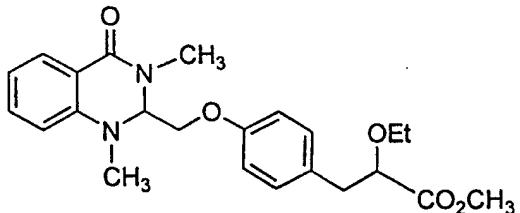
obtained in Example 23 (520 mg, 1.22 mmol) and sodium carbonate (647 mg, 6.1 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 3.

5       $^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.85 (d, J = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.40 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (t, J = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.40 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 7.50 Hz, 1H),  
10     4.90 (dd, J = 8.50 and 3.25 Hz, 1H), 4.40 - 3.80 (m, 4H), 3.70 - 3.40 (m, 1H), 3.40 - 3.20 (m, 1H), 3.20 - 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.90 (d, J = 6.20 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.10 Hz, 3H), 1.14 (t, J = 7.00 Hz, 3H).

Example-25

( $\pm$ )-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[(1,3-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] 10  
methoxy]phenyl]propanoate

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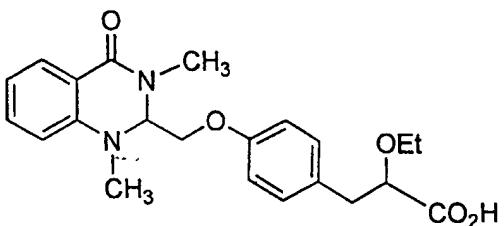


15     The title compound (400 mg, 54%) was obtained as a liquid from N,N<sup>1</sup>-dimethyl-anthranilamide (295 mg, 1.79 mmol), ( $\pm$ )-methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[(2,2-diethoxy)ethoxy] phenyl]propanoate (700 mg, 1.97 mmol), obtained in preparation 2 and polyphosphonate ethylester (1.54 g, 3.58 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 13.

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Example-26

( $\pm$ )-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[(1,3-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy] phenyl]propanoic acid



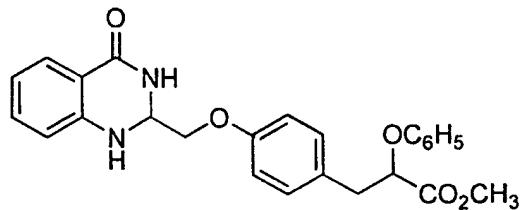
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The title compound (103 mg, 72%) was obtained as a liquid from ( $\pm$ )-methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[1,3-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy] phenyl] propanoate (150 mg, 0.36 mmol), obtained in Example 25 and sodium carbonate (192 mg, 1.81 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 3.

5  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.90 (d,  $J$  = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t,  $J$  = 8.30 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d,  $J$  = 8.40 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (t,  $J$  = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d,  $J$  = 8.40 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d,  $J$  = 8.30 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (t,  $J$  = 5.80 Hz, 1H), 4.30 - 3.90 (m, 3H), 3.70 - 3.50 (m, 1H), 3.40 - 3.20 (m, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 2.90 (d,  $J$  = 6.50 Hz, 2H), 1.14 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

Example-27

10 ( $\pm$ )-Methyl 2-phenoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl] propanoate



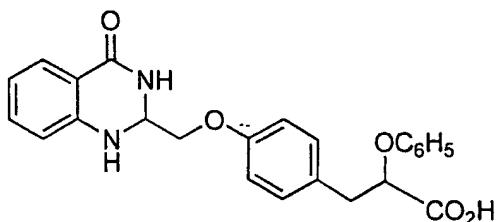
The title compound (395 mg, 58%) was obtained as a liquid from anthranilamide (200 mg, 1.47 mmol), ( $\pm$ )-methyl 2-phenoxy-3-[4-[(2,2-diethoxy)ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate (650 mg, 1.61 mmol) obtained in preparation 4 and polyphosphonate ethyl ester (1.27 g, 2.94 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 13.

15  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.90 (d,  $J$  = 7.75 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t,  $J$  = 7.75 Hz, 1H), 7.35 - 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d,  $J$  = 8.40 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (t,  $J$  = 7.80 Hz, 1H), 6.90 - 6.80 (m, 2H), 6.83 (d,  $J$  = 8.40 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (d,  $J$  = 7.80 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (bs, 1H,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable), 5.20 (t,  $J$  = 6.50 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (t,  $J$  = 6.40 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (bs, 1H,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable), 4.20 (dd,  $J$  = 8.90 and 7.15 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (dd,  $J$  = 8.90 and 5.15 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.19 (d,  $J$  = 6.40 Hz, 2H).

Example-28

( $\pm$ )-2-Phenoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy] phenyl] propanoic acid

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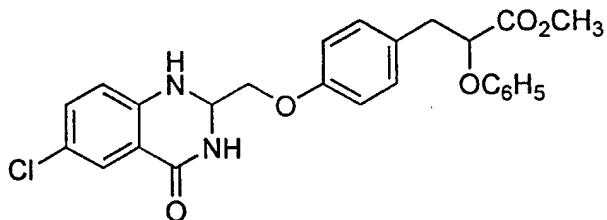


The title compound (488 mg, 86%) was obtained as a white solid from (±)-methyl 2-phenoxy-3-[4-[(4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl)methoxy]phenyl]propanoate (611 mg, 1.14 mmol) obtained in Example 27 and sodium carbonate (726 mg, 6.84 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 3, m.p: 78-80°C.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.94 (bs, 1H, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 7.83 (d, J = 7.38 Hz, 1H), 7.40 - 7.15 (m, 5H), 6.98 (t, J = 7.38 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.30 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (t, J = 8.40 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 8.30 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, J = 8.40 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (t, J = 5.10 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (t, J = 5.30 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (dd, J = 8.90 and 7.15 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (dd, J = 8.90 and 4.05 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (d, J = 5.30 Hz, 2H).

#### Example 29

(±)-Methyl 2-phenoxy-3-[4-[(6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl)methoxy]phenyl]propanoate



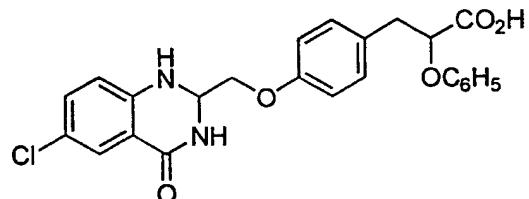
The title compound (488 mg, 47%) was obtained as a liquid from 5-chloro anthranilamide (368 mg, 2.15 mmol), (±)-methyl 2-phenoxy-3-[4-[(2,2-diethoxy) ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate (954 mg, 2.37 mmol) obtained in preparation 4 and polyphosphonate ethyl ether (1.864 mg, 4.3 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 13.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.31 - 7.19 (m, 5H), 7.01 - 6.91 (m, 1H), 6.85 - 6.79 (m, 4H), 6.61 (d, J = 8.62 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (bs, 1H), 4.75 (t, J = 6.22 Hz, 2H), 4.19 - 4.06 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.18 (d, J = 6.55 Hz, 2H).

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Example 30

( $\pm$ )-2-Phenoxy-3-[4-[[6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid



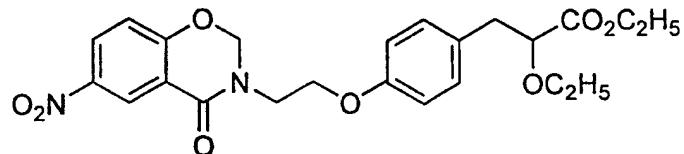
5 The title compound (300 mg, 65%) was obtained from ( $\pm$ ) methyl 2-phenoxy-3-[4-[[6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoate (488 mg, 1.01 mmol) obtained in Example 29 and sodium carbonate (530 mg, 5.08 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 3: mp: 54-56°C.

10  $\delta$  H NMR ( $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.80 (s, 1H), 7.31 - 7.18 (m, 5H), 6.99 (d,  $J$  = 7.47 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d,  $J$  = 8.54 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d,  $J$  = 7.88 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (bs, 1H), 4.89 (t,  $J$  = 4.98 Hz, 1H), 4.01 - 3.91 (m, 1H), 3.78 - 3.66 (m, 1H), 3.25 (d,  $J$  = 5.30 Hz, 2H).

Example 31

( $\pm$ )-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-nitro-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate

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The title compound (160 mg, 41.5%) was obtained as a liquid from 3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-6-nitro-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazine (200 mg, 0.84 mmol), ( $\pm$ )-ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propanoate (200 mg, 0.84 mmol), triphenylphosphine (330 mg, 1.26 mol) and diisopropylazodicarboxylate (255 mg, 1.26 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 5.

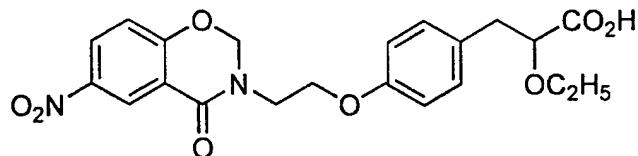
10  $\delta$  H NMR ( $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.82 (s, 1H), 8.35 - 8.26 (m, 1H), 7.19 - 7.04 (m, 3H), 6.77 (d,  $J$  = 8.54 Hz, 2H), 5.47 (s, 2H), 4.28 - 4.10 (m, 5H), 3.96 (t,  $J$  = 4.77 Hz, 2H), 3.68 - 3.50 (m, 1H), 3.40 - 3.22 (m, 1H), 2.92 (d,  $J$  = 6.55 Hz, 2H), 1.35 - 1.09 (m, 6H).

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Example 32

( $\pm$ )-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-nitro-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid

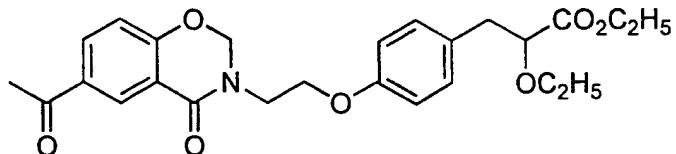


5 The title compound (226 mg, 63%) was obtained from ( $\pm$ )-ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-nitro-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate (339 mg, 0.74 mmol) obtained in Example 31 and sodium carbonate (392 mg, 3.70 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 3: mp: 110°C

10 DH NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.87 (s, 1H), 8.40 - 8.31 (m, 1H), 7.31 - 7.10 (m, 3H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.40 Hz, 2H), 5.50 (s, 2H), 4.21 (t, J = 4.56 Hz, 2H), 4.11 - 3.98 (m, 3H), 3.70 - 3.39 (m, 2H), 3.16 - 2.90 (m, 2H), 1.19 (t, J = 6.98 Hz, 3H).

Example 33

( $\pm$ )-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-acetyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate



15 The title compound (168 mg, 43.4%) was obtained as a liquid from 3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-6-acetyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazine (200 mg, 0.85 mmol), ( $\pm$ )-ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propanoate (202 mg, 0.85 mmol), triphenylphosphine (334 mg, 1.27 mmol) and diisopropylazodicarboxylate (258 mg, 1.27 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 5.

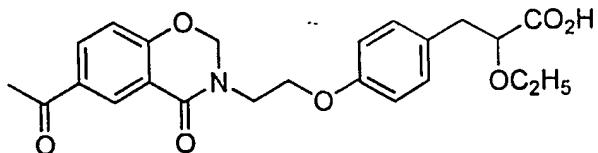
20 DH NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.51 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 6.41 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.63 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.72 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.63 Hz, 2H), 5.41 (s, 2H), 4.28 - 4.08 (m, 5H), 3.93 (t, J = 4.86 Hz, 2H), 3.65 - 3.49 (m, 1H), 3.41 - 3.21 (m, 1H), 2.92 (d, J=6.64 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 1.39 - 1.10 (m, 6H).

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Example 34

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**( $\pm$ )-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-acetyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid**



The title compound (120 mg, 84%) was obtained as a liquid from ( $\pm$ )-ethyl 2-ethoxy-5-3-[4-[2-[6-acetyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate (152 mg, 0.33 mmol) obtained in Example 33 and sodium carbonate (177 mg, 1.67 mmol) by a similar procedure to that described in Example 3.

10  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.53 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d,  $J$  = 6.50 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 8.40 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d,  $J$  = 8.72 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d,  $J$  = 8.40 Hz, 2H), 5.40 (s, 2H), 4.16 (t,  $J$  = 4.31 Hz, 2H), 3.91 - 4.04 (m, 3H), 3.70 - 3.51 (m, 1H), 3.50 - 3.31 (m, 1H), 3.12 - 2.88 (m, 2H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 1.16 (t,  $J$  = 6.84 Hz, 3H).

The compounds of the present invention lowered random blood sugar level, triglyceride, total cholesterol, LDL, VLDL and increased HDL. This was demonstrated by *in vitro* as well as *in vivo* animal experiments.

15 **Demonstration of Efficacy of Compounds**

**A) In vitro**

**a) Determination of hPPAR $\alpha$  activity**

Ligand binding domain of hPPAR $\alpha$  was fused to DNA binding domain of Yeast transcription factor GAL4 in eucaryotic expression vector. Using superfect (Qiagen, Germany) as transfecting reagent HEK-293 cells were transfected with this plasmid and a reporter plasmid harboring the luciferase gene driven by a GAL4 specific promoter. Compound was added at different concentrations after 42 hrs of transfection and incubated overnight. Luciferase activity as a function of compound binding/activation capacity of PPAR $\alpha$  was measured using Packard Luclite kit (Packard, USA) in Top Count (Ivan Sadowski, Brendan Bell, Peter Broag and Melvyn Hollis. Gene. 1992. 118 : 137 -141; Superfect Transfection Reagent Handbook. February, 1997. Qiagen, Germany).

**b) Determination of hPPAR $\gamma$  activity**

Ligand binding domain of hPPAR $\gamma$ 1 was fused to DNA binding domain of Yeast transcription factor GAL4 in eucaryotic expression vector. Using lipofectamine (Gibco

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BRL, USA) as transfecting reagent HEK-293 cells were transfected with this plasmid and a reporter plasmid harboring the luciferase gene driven by a GAL4 specific promoter.

Compound was added at 1  $\mu$ M concentration after 48 hrs of transfection and incubated overnight. Luciferase activity as a function of drug binding/activation capacity of PPAR $\gamma$

5 was measured using Packard Luclite kit (Packard, USA) in Packard Top Count (Ivan Sadowski, Brendan Bell, Peter Broag and Melvyn Hollis. Gene. 1992. 118:137-141; Guide to Eukaryotic Transfections with Cationic Lipid Reagents. Life Technologies, GIBCO BRL, USA).

Example No	Concentration	PPAR $\alpha$	Concentration	PPAR $\gamma$
Example 3	50 $\mu$ M	7	1 $\mu$ M	11

10       c)     Determination of HMG CoA reductase inhibition activity

Liver microsome bound reductase was prepared from 2% cholestyramine fed rats at mid-dark cycle. Spectrophotometric assays were carried out in 100 mM KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, 4 mM DTT, 0.2 mM NADPH, 0.3 mM HMG CoA and 125  $\mu$ g of liver microsomal enzyme. Total reaction mixture volume was kept as 1 ml. Reaction was started by addition of HMG CoA.

15       Reaction mixture was incubated at 37°C for 30 min and decrease in absorbance at 340 nm was recorded. Reaction mixture without substrate was used as blank (Goldstein, J. L and Brown, M. S. Progress in understanding the LDL receptor and HMG CoA reductase, two membrane proteins that regulate the plasma cholesterol. J. Lipid Res. 1984, 25: 1450-1461). The test compounds inhibited the HMG CoA reductase enzyme.

20       B)     In vivo

a)     Efficacy in genetic models

Mutation in colonies of laboratory animals and different sensitivities to dietary regimens have made the development of animal models with non-insulin dependent diabetes and hyperlipidemia associated with obesity and insulin resistance possible. Genetic models 25 such as db/db and ob/ob (Diabetes, (1982) 31(1):1-6) mice and zucker fa/fa rats have been developed by the various laboratories for understanding the pathophysiology of disease and testing the efficacy of new antidiabetic compounds (Diabetes, (1983) 32:830-838; Annu. Rep. Sankyo Res. Lab. (1994). 46:1-57). The homozygous animals, C57 BL/KsJ-db/db mice developed by Jackson Laboratory, US, are obese, hyperglycemic, hyperinsulinemic and

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insulin resistant (J. Clin. Invest., (1990) 85:962-967), whereas heterozygous are lean and normoglycemic. In db/db model, mouse progressively develops insulinopenia with age, a feature commonly observed in late stages of human type II diabetes when blood sugar levels are insufficiently controlled. The state of pancreas and its course vary according to the 5 models. Since this model resembles that of type II diabetes mellitus, the compounds of the present invention were tested for blood sugar and triglycerides lowering activities.

Male C57BL/KsJ-db/db mice of 8 to 14 weeks age, having body weight range of 35 to 60 grams, bred at Dr. Reddy's Research Foundation (DRF) animal house, were used in the experiment. The mice were provided with standard feed (National Institute of Nutrition 10 (NIN), Hyderabad, India) and acidified water, ad libitum. The animals having more than 350 mg / dl blood sugar were used for testing. The number of animals in each group was 4.

Test compounds were suspended on 0.25% carboxymethyl cellulose and administered to test group at a dose of 0.001 mg to 30 mg/kg through oral gavage daily for 6 days. The control group received vehicle (dose 10 ml/kg). On 6th day the blood samples were collected 15 one hour after administration of test compounds/vehicle for assessing the biological activity.

The random blood sugar and triglyceride levels were measured by collecting blood (100 µl) through orbital sinus, using heparinised capillary in tubes containing EDTA which was centrifuged to obtain plasma. The plasma glucose and triglyceride levels were measured spectrometrically, by glucose oxidase and glycerol-3-PO<sub>4</sub> oxidase/peroxidase enzyme (Dr. 20 Reddy's Lab. Diagnostic Division Kits, Hyderabad, India) methods respectively.

The blood sugar and triglycerides lowering activities of the test compound was calculated according to the formula described below.

No adverse effects were observed for any of the mentioned compounds of invention in the above test.

Compound	Dose (mg / kg)	Reduction in Blood Glucose Level (%)	Triglyceride Lowering (%)
Example 14	3	55	46
Example 16	3	18	13
Example 19	3	31	62

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The ob/ob mice were obtained at 5 weeks of age from Bomholtgard, Denmark and were used at 8 weeks of age. Zucker fa/fa fatty rats were obtained from IffaCredo, France at

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10 weeks of age and were used at 13 weeks of age. The animals were maintained under 12 hour light and dark cycle at  $25\pm1^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Animals were given standard laboratory chow (NIN, Hyderabad, India) and water, *ad libitum* (Fujiwara, T., Yoshioka, S., Yoshioka, T., Ushiyama, I and Horikoshi, H. Characterization of new oral antidiabetic agent CS-045.

5 Studies in KK and ob/ob mice and Zucker fatty rats. *Diabetes*. 1988. 37:1549-1558).

The test compounds were administered at 0.1 to 30 mg/kg/day dose for 9 days. The control animals received the vehicle (0.25% carboxymethylcellulose, dose 10 ml/kg) through oral gavage.

10 The blood samples were collected in fed state 1 hour after drug administration on 0 and 9 day of treatment. The blood was collected from the retro-orbital sinus through heparinised capillary in EDTA containing tubes. After centrifugation, plasma sample was separated for triglyceride, glucose, free fatty acid, total cholesterol and insulin estimations. Measurement of plasma triglyceride, glucose, total cholesterol were done using commercial kits (Dr. Reddy's Laboratory, Diagnostic Division, Hyderabad, India). The plasma free fatty 15 acid was measured using a commercial kit form Boehringer Mannheim, Germany. The plasma insulin was measured using a RIA kit (BARC, India). The reduction of various parameters examined are calculated according to the formula.

20 In ob/ob mice oral glucose tolerance test was performed after 9 days treatment. Mice were fasted for 5 hrs and challenged with 3 gm/kg of glucose orally. The blood samples were collected at 0, 15, 30, 60 and 120 min for estimation of plasma glucose levels.

25 The experimental results from the db/db mice, ob/ob mice, Zucker fa/fa rats suggest that the novel compounds of the present invention also possess therapeutic utility as a prophylactic or regular treatment for diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular disorders such as hypertension, hyperlipidaemia and other diseases; as it is known from the literature that such diseases are interrelated to each other.

Blood glucose level and triglycerides are also lowered at doses greater than 10 mg/kg. Normally, the quantum of reduction is dose dependent and plateaus at certain dose.

b) Cholesterol lowering activity in hypercholesterolemic rat models :

30 Male Sprague Dawley rats (NIN stock) were bred in DRF animal house. Animals were maintained under 12 hour light and dark cycle at  $25\pm1^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Rats of 180-200 gram body weight range were used for the experiment. Animals were made hypercholesterolemic by feeding 2% cholesterol and 1% sodium cholate mixed with standard laboratory chow

[National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), Hyderabad, India] for 6 days. Throughout the experimental period the animals were maintained on the same diet (Petit, D., Bonnefis, M. T., Rey, C and Infante, R. Effects of ciprofibrate on liver lipids and lipoprotein synthesis in normo- and hyperlipidemic rats. *Atherosclerosis*. 1988. 74 : 215 – 225).

5 The test compounds were administered orally at a dose 0.1 to 30 mg/kg/day for 3 days. Control group was treated with vehicle alone (0.25% Carboxymethylcellulose; dose 10 ml/kg).

10 The blood samples were collected in fed state 1 hour after drug administration on 0 and 3 day of compound treatment. The blood was collected from the retro-orbital sinus through heparinised capillary in EDTA containing tubes. After centrifugation, plasma sample was separated for total cholesterol, HDL and triglyceride estimations. Measurement of plasma triglyceride, total cholesterol and HDL were done using commercial kits (Dr. Reddy's Laboratory, Diagnostic Division, India). LDL and VLDL cholesterol were calculated from the data obtained for total cholesterol, HDL and triglyceride. The reduction 15 of various parameters examined are calculated according to the formula.

Compound	Dose Mg/kg	Triglyceride (%) ↓	Total Cholesterol (%) ↓	HDL↑ (%)	LDL↓ (%)	VLDL↓ (%)
Example 4	3 mg/kg	61	64	256	76	67
Example 3	0.3 mg/kg	62	64	110	74	50

c) Plasma triglyceride and total cholesterol lowering activity in Swiss albino mice and Guinea pigs

Male Swiss albino mice (SAM) and male Guinea pigs were obtained from NIN and 20 housed in DRF animal house. All these animals were maintained under 12 hour light and dark cycle at  $25 \pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Animals were given standard laboratory chow (NIN, Hyderabad, India) and water, *ad libitum*. SAM of 20-25 g body weight range and Guinea pigs of 500-700g body weight range were used (Oliver, P., Plancke, M. O., Marzin, D., Clavey, V., Sauzieres, J and Fruchart, J. C. Effects of fenofibrate, gemfibrozil and nicotinic acid on 25 plasma lipoprotein levels in normal and hyperlipidemic mice. *Atherosclerosis*. 1988. 70:107–114).

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The test compounds were administered orally to Swiss albino mice at 0.3 to 30 mg/kg/day dose for 6 days. Control mice were treated with vehicle (0.25% Carboxymethylcellulose; dose 10 ml/kg). The test compounds were administered orally to Guinea pigs at 0.3 to 30 mg/kg/day dose for 6 days. Control animals were treated with vehicle (0.25% Carboxymethylcellulose; dose 5 ml/kg).

The blood samples were collected in fed state 1 hour after drug administration on 0 and 6 day of treatment. The blood was collected from the retro-orbital sinus through heparinised capillary in EDTA containing tubes. After centrifugation, plasma sample was separated for triglyceride and total cholesterol (Wieland, O. Methods of Enzymatic analysis. Bergermeyer, H. O., Ed., 1963. 211 - 214; Trinder, P. Ann. Clin. Biochem. 1969. 6:24-27). Measurement of plasma triglyceride, total cholesterol and HDL were done using commercial kits (Dr. Reddy's Diagnostic Division, Hyderabad, India).

Compound	Dose (mg / kg)	Triglyceride (%)
Example 7	3	61
Example 18	3	63
Example 19	3	51

#### Formulae for calculation :

1. Percent reduction in Blood sugar / triglycerides / total cholesterol were calculated according to the formula:

$$\text{Percent reduction (\%)} = \left[ 1 - \frac{\text{TT} / \text{OT}}{\text{TC} / \text{OC}} \right] \times 100$$

OC = Zero day control group value

OT = Zero day treated group value

20 TC = Test day control group value

TT = Test day treated group value

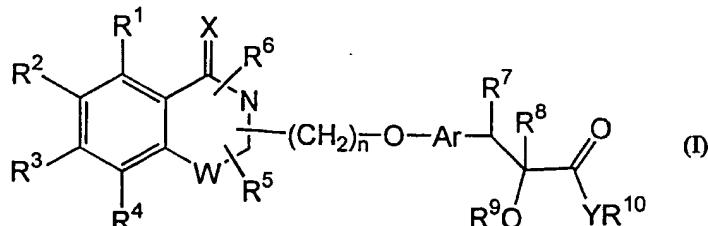
2. LDL and VLDL cholesterol levels were calculated according to the formula:

$$\text{LDL cholesterol in mg/dl} = [\text{Total cholesterol} - \text{HDL cholesterol} - \frac{\text{Triglyceride}}{5}] \text{ mg/dl}$$

$$\text{VLDL cholesterol in mg/dl} = [\text{Total cholesterol} - \text{HDL cholesterol} - \text{LDL cholesterol}] \text{ mg/dl}$$

CLAIMS

1. A compound of formula (I)



its derivatives, its analogs, its tautomeric forms, its stereoisomers, its polymorphs, its  
 5 pharmaceutically acceptable salts, or its pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, wherein X  
 represents O or S; the groups R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> when attached to  
 carbon atom may be the same or different and represent hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano,  
 nitro, formyl; or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy,  
 cycloalkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, hetero-  
 10 aralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxy carbonyl, aralkoxy carbonyl,  
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 acid or its derivatives, or sulfonic acid or its derivatives; W represents O, S or a group NR<sup>11</sup>;  
 15 R<sup>11</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> when attached to nitrogen atom may be same or different and  
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 derivatives; n is an integer ranging from 1 - 4; Ar represents or unsubstituted or substituted  
 divalent aromatic or heterocyclic group; R<sup>7</sup> represents hydrogen atom, hydroxy, alkoxy,  
 halogen, lower alkyl, or unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl group or forms a bond with R<sup>8</sup>;  
 25 R<sup>8</sup> represents hydrogen atom, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, acyl group or  
 unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl, or R<sup>8</sup> forms a bond together with R<sup>7</sup>; R<sup>9</sup> represents  
 hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl,  
 alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxy carbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl,

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arylaminocarbonyl, acyl, heterocycl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl groups; R<sup>10</sup> represents hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heterocycl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; Y represents oxygen or NR<sup>12</sup>, where R<sup>12</sup> represents hydrogen, or unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, aryl, hydroxyalkyl, aralkyl, hetero-  
5 cycl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>12</sup> together may form a substituted or unsubstituted 5 or 6 membered cyclic structure containing carbon atoms, which may or unsubstituted or substituted contain one or more heteroatoms selected from oxygen, sulfur or nitrogen; the linking group represented by -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O- may be attached either through nitrogen atom or carbon atom.

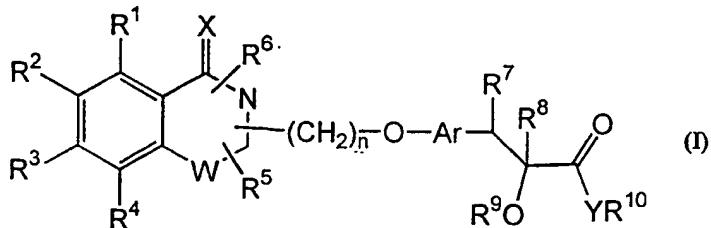
10 2. A compound of the formula (I) according to claim 1, wherein the groups represented by R<sup>1</sup>-R<sup>4</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> when attached to carbon atom are substituted, the substituents are selected from halogen, hydroxy, or nitro or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, heterocycl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyalkyl, amino, acylamino, 15 arylamino, aminoalkyl, aryloxy, aralkoxy, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylamino, alkoxyalkyl, alkylthio, thioalkyl groups, carboxylic acid or its derivatives, or sulfonic acid or its derivatives.

15 3. A compound of the formula (I) according to claims 1 or 2, wherein the groups R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> when attached to nitrogen are substituted, substituents are selected from halogen such as fluorine, chlorine; hydroxy, acyl, acyloxy, or amino groups.

20 4. A compound of the formula (I) according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the group Ar includes substituted or unsubstituted groups selected from divalent phenylene, naphthylene, pyridyl, quinolinyl, benzofuryl, benzoxazolyl, benzothiazolyl, indolyl, indolinyl, azaindolyl, azaindolinyl, indenyl, dihydrobenzofuryl, benzopyranyl, dihydrobenzopyranyl, or pyrazolyl.

25 5. A compound of the formula (I) according to claim 1, 2, 3 or 4, wherein the substituents on the group represented by R<sup>9</sup> are selected from halogen, hydroxy, formyl or nitro or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cyclo-alkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, heterocycl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyalkyl, amino, acylamino, arylamino, aminoalkyl, aryloxy, alkoxycarbonyl, alkyl-  
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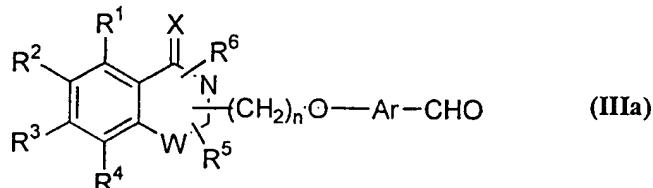
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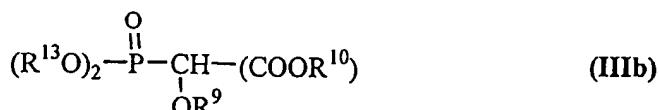
its derivatives, its analogs, its tautomeric forms, its stereoisomers, its polymorphs, its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, or its pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, where X represents O or S; the groups R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> when attached to 5 carbon atom may be the same or different and represent hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, formyl; or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, aralkoxy- carbonyl, amino, alkylamino which may be mono or dialkylamino group, arylamino, acyl- 10 amino, aralkylamino, aminoalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, thioalkyl, alkylthio, alkoxycarbonylamino, aryloxycarbonylamino, aralkoxycarbonylamino, carboxylic acid or its derivatives, or sulfonic acid or its derivatives; W represents O, S or a group NR<sup>11</sup>; R<sup>11</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> when attached to nitrogen atom may be the same or different and represent hydrogen, hydroxy, formyl or unsubstituted or substituted groups 15 selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyalkyl, amino, acylamino, alkylamino which may be mono or di alkylamino group, arylamino, aralkylamino, aminoalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, alkylthio, thioalkyl, carboxylic acid derivatives, or sulfonic acid 20 derivatives; n is an integer ranging from 1 - 4; Ar represents an unsubstituted or substituted divalent aromatic or heterocyclic group; R<sup>7</sup> together with R<sup>8</sup> forms a bond; R<sup>9</sup> represents hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, acyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; R<sup>10</sup> represents 25 hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; Y represents oxygen; the linking group represented by -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O- may be attached either through nitrogen atom or carbon atom, which comprises:

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a) reacting a compound of formula (IIIa)

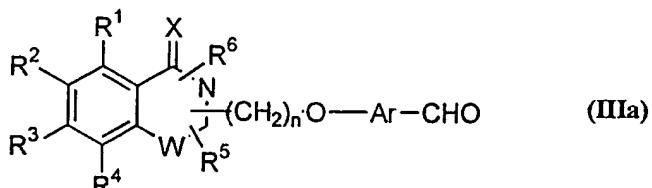


where all symbols are as defined above with a compound of formula (IIIb)



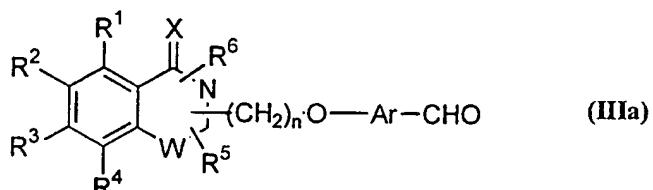
5 where R<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> are as defined above excluding hydrogen and R<sup>13</sup> represents (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, to yield compound of formula (I) defined above;

b) reacting the compound of formula (IIIa)

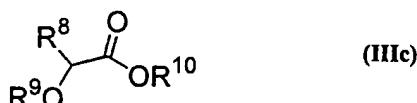


where all symbols are as defined earlier with Wittig reagents;

10 c) reacting a compound of formula (IIIa)



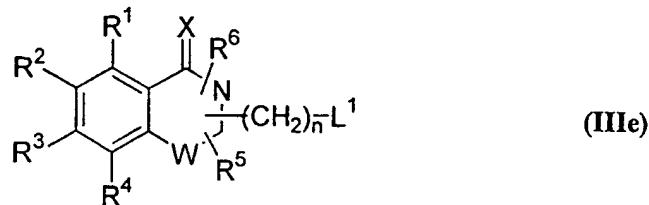
where all other symbols are as defined above with a compound of formula (IIIc)



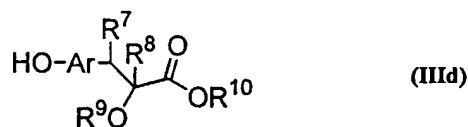
15 where R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen and all other symbols are as defined above to yield a compound of formula (I) as defined above after dehydration;

d) reacting a compound of formula (IIIe)

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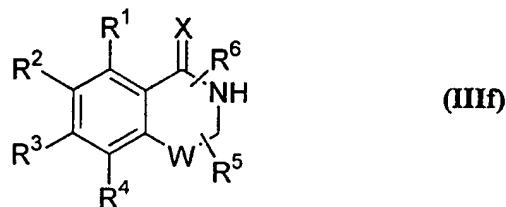


where all symbols are as defined earlier and  $L^1$  represents a leaving group, with a compound of formula (IIId)

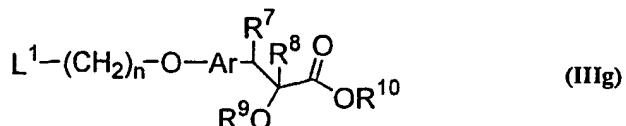


5 where  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  together represent a bond and all other symbols are as defined above to produce a compound of the formula (I) where all symbols are as defined above;

e) reacting a compound of formula (IIIf)



where all symbols are as defined above with a compound of formula (IIIf)

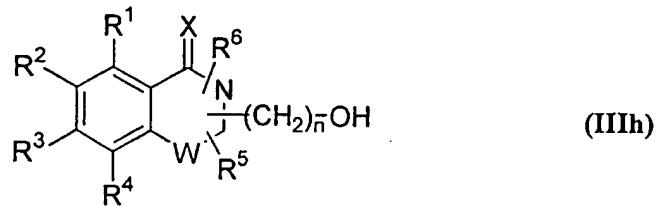


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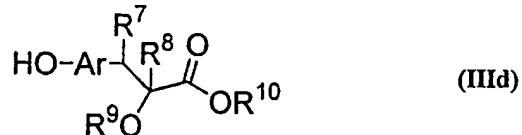
where  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  together represent a bond,  $L^1$  is a leaving group to produce a compound of formula (I) defined above where the linker group  $-(CH_2)_n-O-$  is attached to nitrogen atom;

f) reacting a compound of formula (IIIf)

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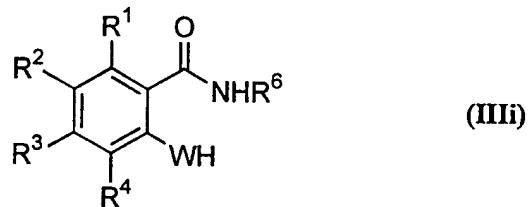


where all symbols are as defined above with a compound of formula (IIId)

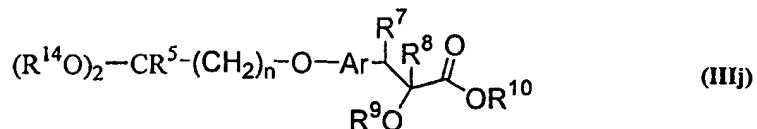


where R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> together represent a bond and all other symbols are as defined above to  
5 produce a compound of formula (I) where all symbols are as defined above;

g) reacting a compound of formula (IIIi)



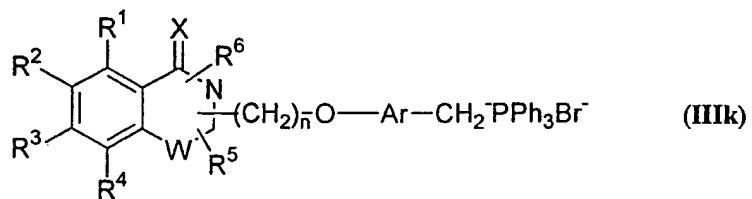
where all symbols are as defined above with a compound of formula (IIIj)



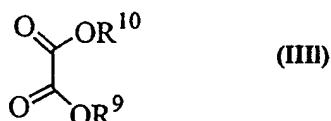
10 where R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> together represent a bond, R<sup>14</sup> represents lower alkyl group and all other symbols are as defined above, to produce a compound of formula (I) defined above, where the linker group -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O- is attached to carbon atom;

h) reacting a compound of formula (IIIk)

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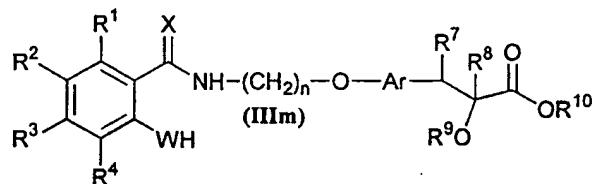


where all symbols are as defined above with a compound of formula (IIIL)

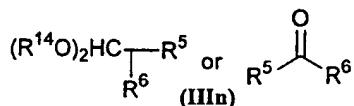


5 where  $R^9 = R^{10}$  and are as defined above excluding hydrogen to produce a compound of the formula (I);

(i) reacting a compound of formula (IIIm) where  $R^7, R^8$  together represent a bond and all other symbols are as defined above



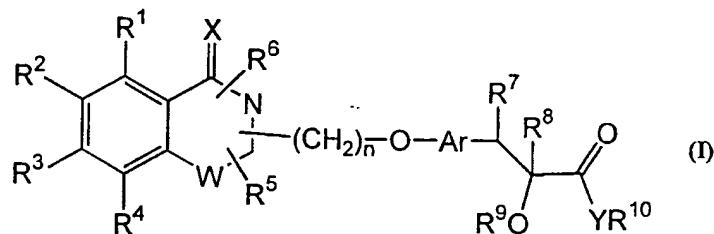
10 with a compound of formula (IIIn)



where  $R^{14}$  represents lower alkyl group and all other symbols are as defined above, to produce a compound of formula (I) defined above, where the linker group  $-(CH_2)_n-O-$  is attached to nitrogen atom; and

15 j) optionally converting the compounds of formula (I) obtained in any of the processes described above into pharmaceutically acceptable salts or pharmaceutically acceptable solvates.

## 7. A process for the preparation of compound of formula (I)



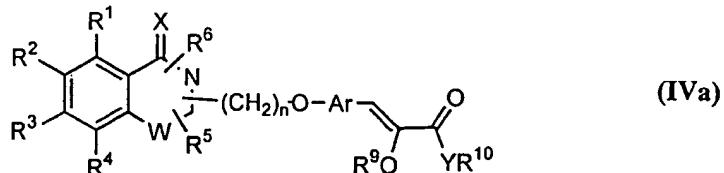
its derivatives, its analogs, its tautomeric forms, its stereoisomers, its polymorphs, its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, or its pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, wherein X

5 represents O or S; the groups R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> when attached to carbon atom may be same or different and represent hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, formyl; or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocycl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxy carbonyl, aralkoxy carbonyl, amino, alkylamino which may be amino or dialkyl group, arylamino, acylamino, aralkylamino, aminoalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, thioalkyl, alkylthio, alkoxy carbonylamino, aryloxy carbonylamino, aralkoxy carbonylamino, carboxylic acid or its derivatives, or sulfonic acid or its derivatives; W represents O, S or a group NR<sup>11</sup>; R<sup>11</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> when attached to nitrogen atom may be same or different and represent hydrogen, hydroxy, formyl or or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, aralkoxy, heterocycl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyalkyl, amino, acylamino, alkylamino which may be mono or dialkylamino group, arylamino, aralkylamino, aminoalkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxy carbonyl, 20 aralkoxy carbonyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, alkylthio, thioalkyl, carboxylic acid derivatives, or sulfonic acid derivatives; n is an integer ranging from 1 - 4; Ar represents an unsubstituted or substituted divalent aromatic or heterocyclic group; R<sup>7</sup> represents hydrogen atom, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, or unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl group; R<sup>8</sup> represents hydrogen atom, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, acyl group or 25 unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl; R<sup>9</sup> represents hydrogen or or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxy carbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, acyl, heterocycl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; R<sup>10</sup> represents hydrogen or or unsubstituted

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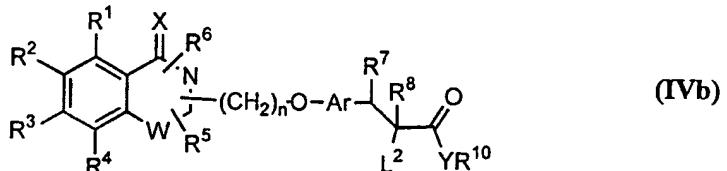
or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; Y represents oxygen; the linking group represented by  $-(CH_2)_n-O-$  may be attached either through nitrogen atom or carbon atom, which comprises:

a) reducing a compound of formula (IVa)



which represents a compound of formula (I) where  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  together represent a bond and Y represents an oxygen atom and all other symbols are as defined above, to yield a compound of the formula (I) where  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  each represent hydrogen atom and all symbols are as defined above;

10 b) reacting a compound of formula (IVb)

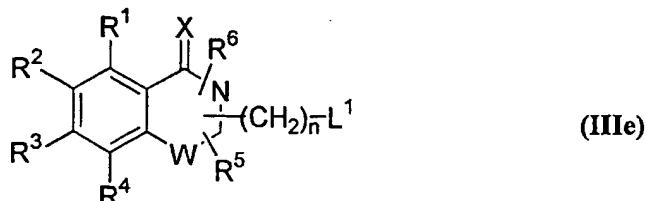


where all symbols are as defined above and  $L^2$  is a leaving group with a compound of formula (IVc),



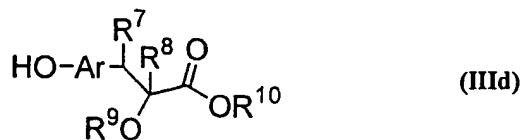
15 where  $R^9$  represents unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, alkylamino-carbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, acyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups defined above;

c) reacting a compound of formula (IIIe)



20 where all symbols are as defined above and  $L^1$  is a leaving group with a compound of formula (IIId)

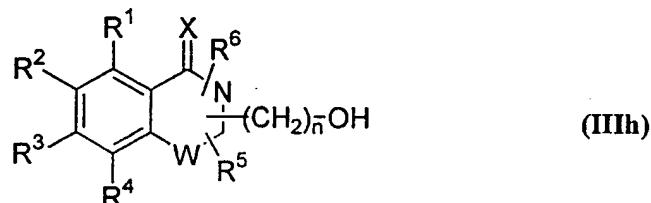
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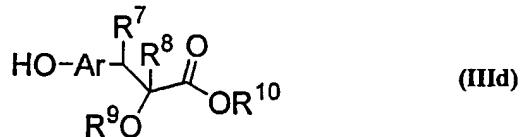
where all symbols are as defined above to produce a compound of the formula (I) defined above;

d) reacting a compound of formula (IIIh)

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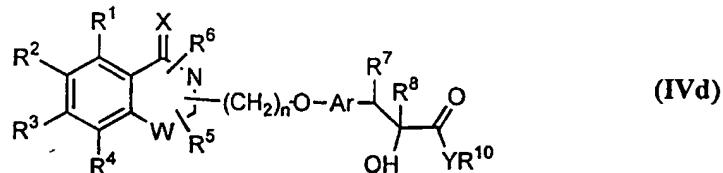


where all symbols are as defined above with a compound of formula (IIIId)

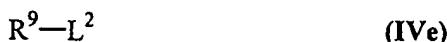


where all symbols are as defined above to produce a compound of formula (I) defined above;

10 e) reacting a compound of formula (IVd)



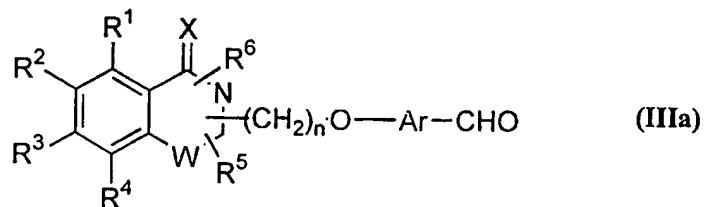
which represents a compound of formula (I) where R<sup>9</sup> represents a hydrogen atom and all other symbols are as defined above with a compound of formula (IVe)



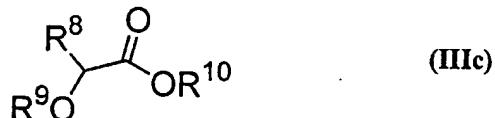
15 where R<sup>9</sup> represents or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, acyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups and L<sup>2</sup> is a halogen atom to produce a compound of formula (I) defined above;

f) reacting a compound of the formula (IIIa)

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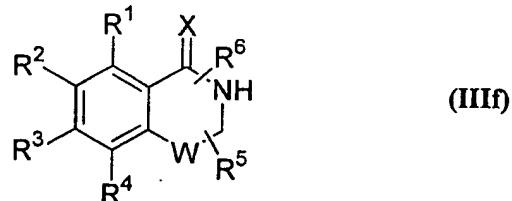


where all symbols are as defined above with a compound of formula (IIIc)

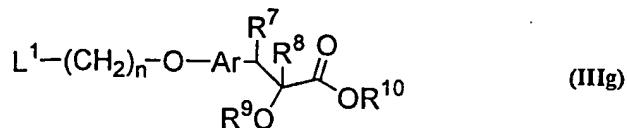


5 where R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen, and all other symbols are as defined above to produce a compound of formula (I) after dehydroxylation;

g) reacting a compound of formula (IIIf)

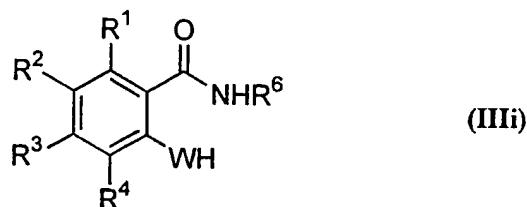


where all symbols are as defined above with a compound of formula (IIIg)



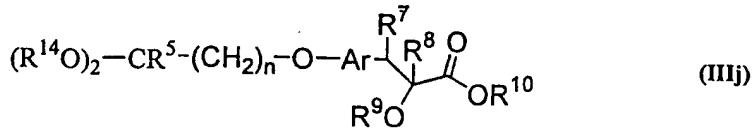
10 where L<sup>1</sup> is a leaving group, and all other symbols are as defined above to produce a compound of formula (I) defined above, where the linker group -(CH2)n-O- is attached to nitrogen atom;

h) reacting a compound of formula (IIIi)



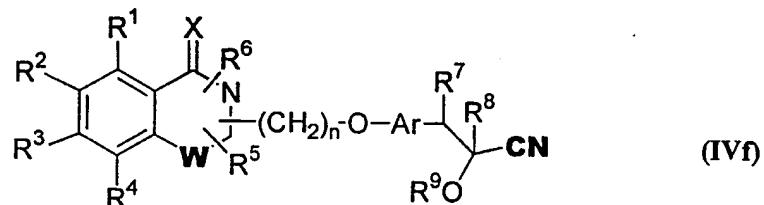
15 where all symbols are as defined above with a compound of general formula (IIIj)

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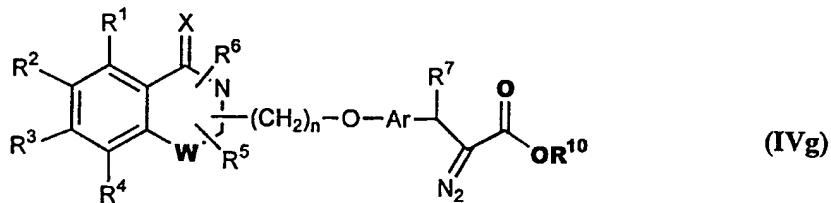
where  $R^{14}$  represents a lower alkyl group, and all other symbols are as defined above, to produce a compound of formula (I) defined above, where the linker group  $-(CH_2)_n-O-$  is attached to carbon atom;

5           i)     converting a compound of formula (IVf)

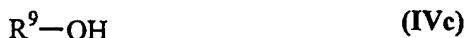


where all symbols are as defined above to a compound of formula (I) defined above;

j)     reacting a compound of formula (IVg)

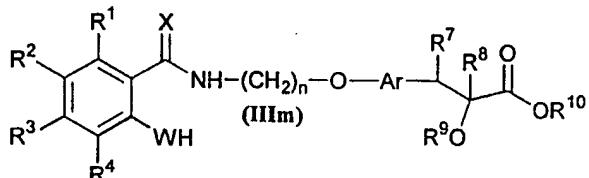


10    where all symbols are as defined above with a compound of formula (IVc)

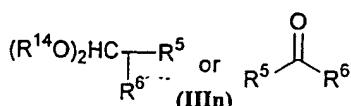


where  $R^9$  is as defined above to produce a compound of formula (I), optionally;

(k)     reacting a compound of formula (IIIm) where all symbols are as defined above



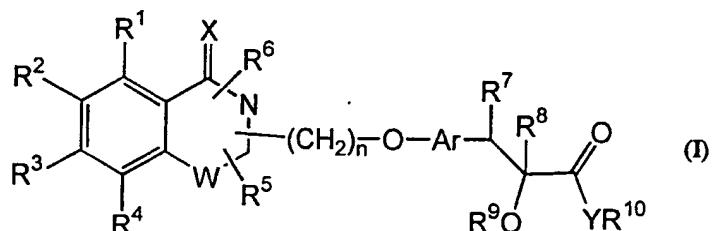
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with a compound of formula (III<sub>n</sub>)

where  $\text{R}^{14}$  represents lower alkyl group and all other symbols are as defined above, to produce a compound of formula (I) defined above, where the linker group  $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{O}-$  is attached to nitrogen atom;

- 5      l)      resolving the compound of formula (I) obtained in any of the processes described above into its stereoisomers, and optionally;
- 10     m)     converting the compounds of formula (I) or its stereoisomers obtained in any of the processes described above into pharmaceutically acceptable salts or pharmaceutically acceptable solvates.

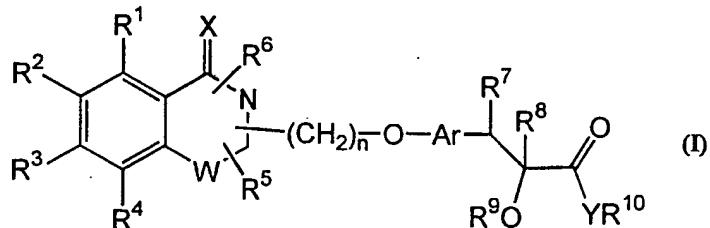
8.      A process for the preparation of compound of formula (I)



its derivatives, its analogs, its tautomeric forms, its stereoisomers, its polymorphs, its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, or its pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, wherein X represents O or S; the groups  $\text{R}^1, \text{R}^2, \text{R}^3, \text{R}^4$  and the groups  $\text{R}^5$  and  $\text{R}^6$  when attached to carbon atom may be the same or different and represent hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, formyl; or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkyloxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocycl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxy carbonyl, aralkoxy carbonyl, amino, alkylamino which may be mono or dialkylamino group, arylamino, acylamino, aralkylamino, aminoalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, thioalkyl, alkylthio, alkoxy carbonylamino, aryloxy carbonylamino, aralkoxy carbonylamino, carboxylic acid or its derivatives, or sulfonic acid or its derivatives; W represents O, S or a group  $\text{NR}^{11}$ ;  $\text{R}^{11}$  and the groups  $\text{R}^5$  and  $\text{R}^6$  when attached to nitrogen

atom may be same or different and represent hydrogen, hydroxy, formyl or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyalkyl, amino, acylamino, alkylamino which may be mono or 5 dialkylamino group, arylamino, aralkylamino, aminoalkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxy carbonyl, aralkoxy carbonyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, alkylthio, thioalkyl, carboxylic acid derivatives, or sulfonic acid derivatives; n is an integer ranging from 1 - 4; Ar represents an unsubstituted or substituted divalent aromatic or heterocyclic group; R<sup>7</sup> represents 10 hydrogen atom, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, or unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl group or forms a bond with R<sup>8</sup>; R<sup>8</sup> represents hydrogen atom, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, acyl group or unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl, or R<sup>8</sup> forms a bond together with R<sup>7</sup>; R<sup>9</sup> represents hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxy carbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, acyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; 15 R<sup>10</sup> represents hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; Y represents NR<sup>12</sup>, where R<sup>12</sup> represents hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted, alkyl, aryl, hydroxyalkyl, aralkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>12</sup> together may form a substituted or unsubstituted 5 or 6 membered cyclic structure containing carbon atoms, which 20 may or unsubstituted or substituted contain one or more heteroatoms selected from oxygen, sulfur or nitrogen; the linking group represented by -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O- may be attached either through nitrogen atom or carbon atom, which comprises :

a) reacting a compound of formula (I)



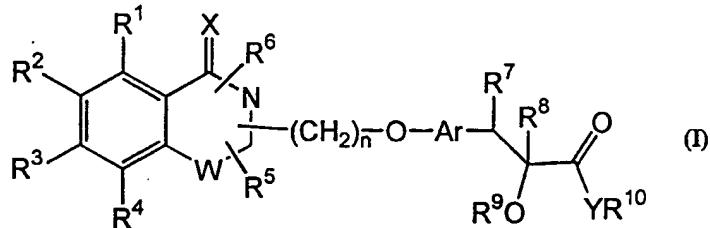
25 where all symbols are as defined above and Y represents oxygen, and R<sup>10</sup> represents hydrogen or a lower alkyl group or YR<sup>10</sup> represents a halogen atom, or COYR<sup>10</sup> represents a mixed anhydride group with appropriate amines of the formula NHR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>12</sup>, where R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>12</sup> are as defined earlier and, optionally;

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b) resolving the compound of formula (I) obtained above into stereoisomers, and optionally;

c) converting the compounds of formula (I) obtained above into pharmaceutically acceptable salts or pharmaceutically acceptable solvates.

5 9. A compound of formula (I)

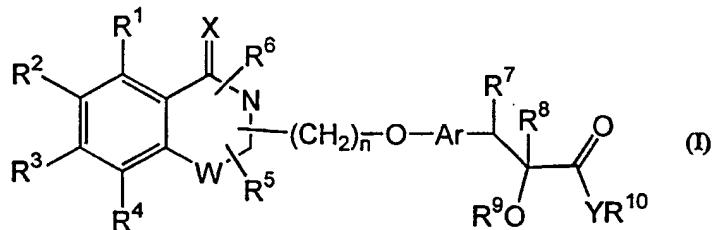


its derivatives, its analogs, its tautomeric forms, its stereoisomers, its polymorphs, or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, its pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, where X represents O or S; the groups R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> when attached to 10 carbon atom may be same or different and represent hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, formyl; or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxy carbonyl, aralkoxy carbonyl, amino, alkylamino which may be mono or dialkylamino group, arylamino, acylamino, aralkylamino, aminoalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, thioalkyl, alkylthio, alkoxy carbonyl amino, aryloxy carbonyl amino, aralkoxy carbonyl amino, carboxylic acid or its derivatives, or sulfonic acid or its derivatives; W represents O, S or a group NR<sup>11</sup>; R<sup>11</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> when attached to nitrogen atom may be same or 15 different and represent hydrogen, hydroxy, formyl or or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyalkyl, amino, acylamino, alkylamino which may be mono or dialkylamino group, arylamino, aralkylamino, aminoalkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxy carbonyl, aralkoxy carbonyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, alkylthio, thioalkyl, carboxylic acid derivatives, or sulfonic acid 20 derivatives; n is an integer ranging from 1 - 4; Ar represents an unsubstituted or substituted divalent aromatic or heterocyclic group; R<sup>7</sup> together with R<sup>8</sup> forms a bond; R<sup>9</sup> represents hydrogen or or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxy carbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, 25 derivatives;

arylaminocarbonyl, acyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; R<sup>10</sup> represents hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; Y represents oxygen; the linking group represented by -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O- may be attached either through nitrogen atom or carbon atom,

5 prepared according to the process of claim 6.

10. A compound of formula (I)



its derivatives, its analogs, its tautomeric forms, its stereoisomers, its polymorphs, its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, or its pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, wherein X

10 represents O or S; the groups R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> when attached to carbon atom may be the same or different and represent hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, formyl; or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxy carbonyl, aralkoxy carbonyl, amino, alkylamino which may be mono or dialkylamino group, arylamino, acylamino, aralkylamino, aminoalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, thioalkyl, alkylthio, alkoxy carbonylamino, aryloxy carbonylamino, aralkoxy carbonylamino, carboxylic acid or its derivatives, or sulfonic acid or its derivatives; W represents O, S or a group NR<sup>11</sup>; R<sup>11</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> when attached to nitrogen atom may be the same or different

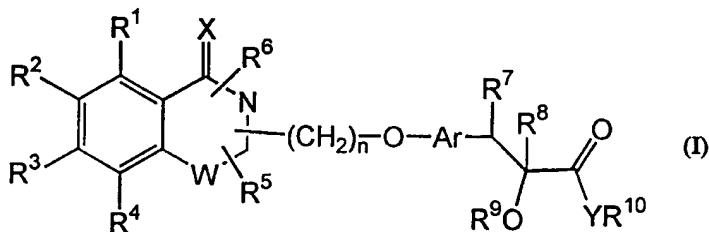
15 and represent hydrogen, hydroxy, formyl or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyalkyl, amino, acylamino, alkylamino which may be mono or dialkylamino group, arylamino, aralkylamino, aminoalkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxy carbonyl, aralkoxy carbonyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl,

20 aralkoxyalkyl, alkylthio, thioalkyl, carboxylic acid derivatives, or sulfonic acid derivatives; n is an integer ranging from 1 - 4; Ar represents an unsubstituted or substituted divalent aromatic or heterocyclic group; R<sup>7</sup> represents hydrogen atom, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, or unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl group; R<sup>8</sup> represents hydrogen atom,

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hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, acyl group or unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl; R<sup>9</sup> represents hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, alkylamino-carbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, acyl, heterocycl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; R<sup>10</sup> represents hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heterocycl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; Y represents oxygen; the linking group represented by -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O- may be attached either through nitrogen atom or carbon atom, prepared according to the process of claim 7.

11. A compound of formula (I)



10 its derivatives, its analogs, its tautomeric forms, its stereoisomers, its polymorphs, its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, or its pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, wherein X represents O or S; the groups R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> when attached to carbon atom may be the same or different and represent hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, formyl; or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocycl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, amino, alkylamino which may be mono or dialkylamino, arylamino, acylamino, aralkylamino, aminoalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, thioalkyl, alkylthio, alkoxycarbonylamino, aryloxycarbonylamino, aralkoxycarbonylamino, carboxylic acid or its derivatives, or sulfonic acid or its derivatives; W represents O, S or a group NR<sup>11</sup>; R<sup>11</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> when attached to nitrogen atom may be the same or different and represent hydrogen, hydroxy, formyl or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, aralkoxy, heterocycl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyalkyl, amino, acylamino, alkylamino which may be mono or dialkylamino group, arylamino, aralkylamino, aminoalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, alkylthio, thioalkyl, carboxylic acid derivatives, or sulfonic acid derivatives; n

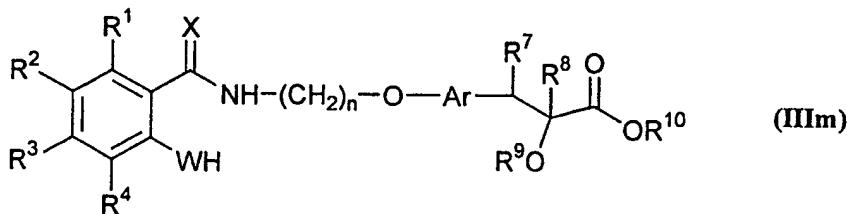
is an integer ranging from 1 - 4; Ar represents an unsubstituted or substituted divalent aromatic or heterocyclic group; R<sup>7</sup> represents hydrogen atom, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, or unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl group or forms a bond with R<sup>8</sup>; R<sup>8</sup> represents hydrogen atom, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, acyl group or

5 unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl, or R<sup>8</sup> forms a bond together with R<sup>7</sup>; R<sup>9</sup> represents hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, acyl, heterocycl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; R<sup>10</sup> represents hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heterocycl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; Y represents NR<sup>12</sup>, where R<sup>12</sup> represents

10 hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from, alkyl, aryl, hydroxyalkyl, aralkyl, heterocycl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>12</sup> together may form a substituted or unsubstituted 5 or 6 membered cyclic structure containing carbon atoms, which may or unsubstituted or substituted contain one or more heteroatoms selected from oxygen, sulfur or nitrogen; the linking group represented by -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O- may be attached either

15 through nitrogen atom or carbon atom, prepared according to the process of claim 8.

12. An intermediate of formula (III<sup>m</sup>)



where, X represents O or S; the groups R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> may be same or different and

20 represent hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, formyl; or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkyloxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocycl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, alkoxy, alkoxy, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, amino, alkylamino which may be mono or dialkylamino group, arylamino, acylamino, aralkylamino, aminoalkyl, hydroxy-

25 alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, thioalkyl, alkylthio, alkoxy, carbonylamino, aryloxycarbonylamino, aralkoxycarbonylamino, carboxylic acid or its derivatives, or sulfonic acid or its derivatives; W represents O or S ; n is an integer ranging from 1 - 4; Ar represents an unsubstituted or substituted divalent aromatic or heterocyclic group; R<sup>7</sup>

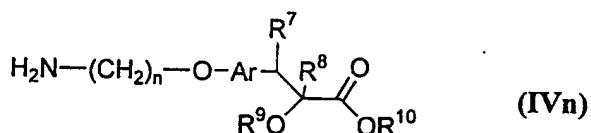
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represents hydrogen atom, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, or unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl group or forms a bond with R<sup>8</sup>; R<sup>8</sup> represents hydrogen atom, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, acyl group or unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl, or R<sup>8</sup> forms a bond together with R<sup>7</sup>; R<sup>9</sup> represents hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted groups

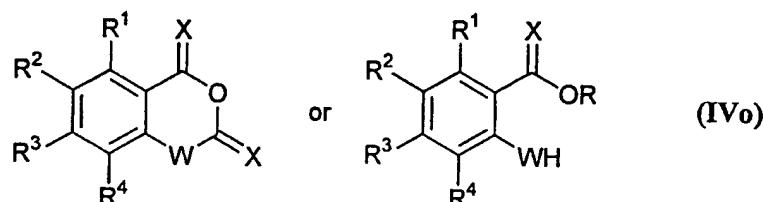
5 selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxy carbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, acyl, heterocycl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; R<sup>10</sup> represents hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heterocycl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; and the linking group represented by -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O- may be attached either through nitrogen atom or

10 carbon atom.

13. A process for the preparation of compound of formula (IIIm) as defined in claim 12, which comprises reacting a compound of formula (IVn)

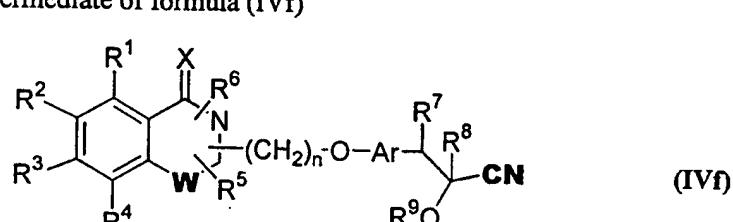


where all symbols are as defined earlier with a compound of formula (IVo)



15 where all symbols are as defined earlier.

14. An intermediate of formula (IVf)

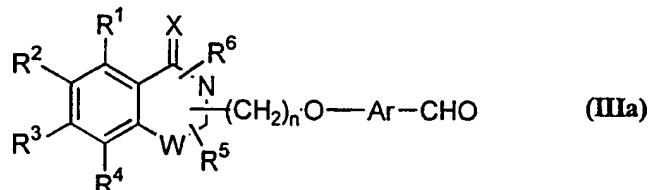


where X represents O or S; the groups R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> when attached to carbon atom may be the same or different and represent hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, formyl; or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocycl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxy carbonyl, aralkoxy-

carbonyl, amino, alkylamino which may be mono or dialkylamino group, arylamino, acylamino, aralkylamino, aminoalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxy-alkyl, thioalkyl, alkylthio, alkoxycarbonylamino, aryloxycarbonylamino, aralkoxycarbonyl-amino, carboxylic acid or its derivatives, or sulfonic acid or its derivatives; W represents O, S or a group NR<sup>11</sup>; R<sup>11</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> when attached to nitrogen atom may be the same or different and represent hydrogen, hydroxy, formyl or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, aralkoxy, heterocycl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyalkyl, amino, acylamino, alkylamino which may be mono or di alkylamino group, 5 arylamino, aralkylamino, aminoalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, alkylthio, thioalkyl, carboxylic acid derivatives, or sulfonic acid derivatives; n is an integer ranging from 1 - 4; Ar represents an unsubstituted or substituted divalent aromatic or heterocyclic group; R<sup>7</sup> represents hydrogen atom, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, or unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl group or forms a bond 10 with R<sup>8</sup>; R<sup>8</sup> represents hydrogen atom, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, acyl group or unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl or R<sup>8</sup> forms a bond together with R<sup>7</sup>; R<sup>9</sup> represents 15 hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, alkylamino-carbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, acyl, heterocycl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; and the linking 20 group represented by -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O- may be attached either through nitrogen atom or carbon atom.

15. A process for the preparation of compound of formula (IVf) defined in claim 14, where R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> represent hydrogen atoms and all other symbols are as defined in claim 14 which comprises :

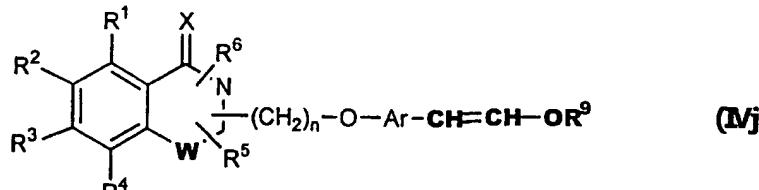
25 a) reacting a compound of formula (IIIa)



where all symbols are as defined above with a compound of formula (IVi)

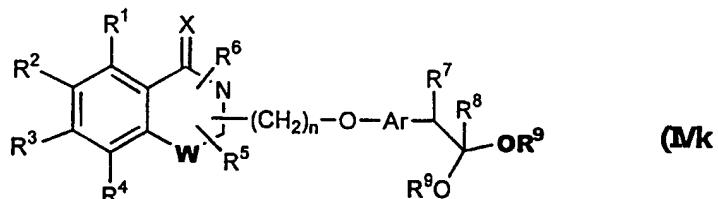


where  $R^9$  represents unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, acyl, heterocycl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups and Hal represents a halogen atom, to yield a compound of formula (IVj)



where all symbols are as defined above,

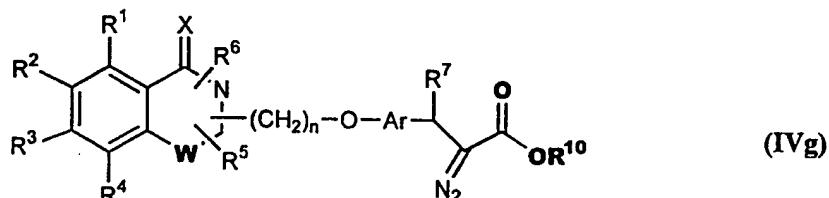
b) reacting the a compound of formula (IVj) with a compound of formula  $R^9OH$  where  $R^9$  is as defined in part a to yield a compound of formula (IVk),



10 where all symbols are as defined above, and

c) reacting a compound of formula (IVj) obtained above where all symbols are as defined above with trialkylsilyl cyanide to produce a compound of formula (IVf) where all symbols are as defined above.

16. An intermediate of formula (IVg)

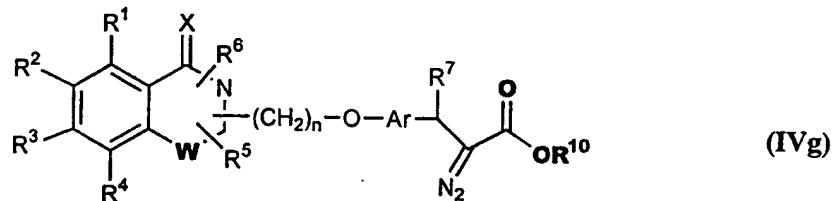


where X represents O or S; the groups  $R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4$  and the groups  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  when attached to carbon atom may be the same or different and represent hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, formyl; or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocycl, heteroaryl,

20 heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxy-carbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, amino, alkylamino which may be mono or dialkylamino group,

arylarnino, acylarnino, aralkylarnino, aminoalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, thioalkyl, alkylthio, alkoxycarbonylarnino, aryloxycarbonylarnino, aralkoxy-carbonylarnino, carboxylic acid or its derivatives, or sulfonic acid or its derivatives; W represents O, S or a group NR<sup>11</sup>; R<sup>11</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> when attached to nitrogen atom may be same or different and represent hydrogen, hydroxy, formyl or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyalkyl, amino, acylarnino, alkylarnino which may be mono or dialkylarnino group, arylarnino, aralkylarnino, aminoalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, alkoxalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, alkylthio, thioalkyl, carboxylic acid derivatives, or sulfonic acid derivatives; n is an integer ranging from 1 - 4; Ar represents an unsubstituted or substituted divalent aromatic or heterocyclic group; R<sup>7</sup> represents hydrogen atom, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, or unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl group; R<sup>10</sup> represents hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; and the linking group represented by -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O- may be attached either through nitrogen atom or carbon atom.

17. A process for the preparation of compound of formula (IVg)



20 where X represents O or S; the groups R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> when attached to carbon atom may be the same or different and represent hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, formyl; or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxy-carbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, amino, alkylarnino which may be mono or dialkylarnino group, arylarnino, acylarnino, aralkylarnino, aminoalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, thioalkyl, alkylthio, alkoxycarbonylarnino, aryloxycarbonylarnino, aralkoxy-carbonylarnino, carboxylic acid or its derivatives, or sulfonic acid or its derivatives; W

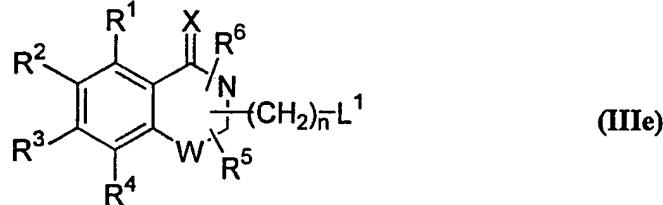
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represents O, S or a group NR<sup>11</sup>; R<sup>11</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> when attached to nitrogen atom may be same or different and represent hydrogen, hydroxy, formyl or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy,

5 acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyalkyl, amino, acylamino, alkylamino which may be mono or dialkylamino group, arylamino, aralkylamino, aminoalkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, alkylthio, thioalkyl, carboxylic acid derivatives, or sulfonic acid derivatives; n is an integer ranging from 1 - 4; Ar represents an unsubstituted or substituted divalent aromatic or heterocyclic group; R<sup>7</sup> represents

10 hydrogen atom, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, or unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl group; R<sup>10</sup> represents hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; and the linking group represented by -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O- may be attached either through nitrogen atom or carbon atom, which comprises:

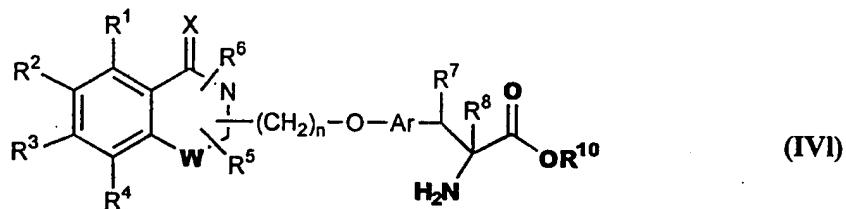
15 a) reacting a compound of formula (IIIe)



where L<sup>1</sup> is a leaving group and all other symbols are as defined in claim 14 with a compound of formula (IVm)



20 where R<sup>8</sup> is a hydrogen atom and all other symbols are as defined in claim 14, to yield a compound of formula (IVl)



where R<sup>8</sup> is a hydrogen atom and all other symbols are as defined above, and

b) reacting the compound of formula (IVI) obtained above with an appropriate diazotizing agent.

18. A compound according to claim 1 which is selected from :

5 Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]-2-propenoate;

(±)-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy] phenyl] propanoate;

10 (+)-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl] propanoate;

(-)-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl] propanoate;

(±)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl] propanoic acid and its salts;

15 [2R, N(1S)] 2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy] phenyl]-N-(2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)propanamide;

[2S, N(1S)] 2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy] phenyl]-N-(2-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)propanamide;

20 (+)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy] phenyl] propanoic acid and its salts;

(-)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy] phenyl] propanoic acid and its salts;

(±)-Ethyl 2-phenoxy-3-[4-[2-[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]-2-propenoate;

25 (±)-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[2,2-dimethyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

(+)-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[2,2-dimethyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

30 (-)-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[2,2-dimethyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

(±)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[2,2-dimethyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

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(+)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[2,2-dimethyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid and salts;

(-)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[2,2-dimethyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

5       (±)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

      (+)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

      (-)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

10      (±)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

      (+)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

15      (-)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

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25      (+)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid;

      (-)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid;

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30      (+)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

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(±)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-methyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] 10 methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

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(-)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-methyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

15 (+)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-methyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl] methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

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(-)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl] 20 methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

(±)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl] methoxy] phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

(+)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl]methoxy] phenyl] propanoic acid and its salts;

25 (-)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-methyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-2-yl]methoxy] phenyl] propanoic acid and its salts;

(±)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-ethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

(+)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-ethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] 30 methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

(-)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-ethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

( $\pm$ )-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-ethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy] phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

(+)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-ethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy] phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

5 (-)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[3-ethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy] phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

( $\pm$ )-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[1,3-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

(+)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[1,3-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] 10 methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

(-)-Methyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[[1,3-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

( $\pm$ )-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[1,3-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy] phenyl]propanoic acid and salts;

15 (+)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[1,3-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy] phenyl]propanoic acid and salts;

(-)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[[1,3-dimethyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy] phenyl]propanoic acid and salts;

( $\pm$ )-Methyl 2-phenoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy] 20 phenyl]propanoate;

(+)-Methyl 2-phenoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy] phenyl]propanoate;

(-)-Methyl 2-phenoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy] phenyl]propanoate;

25 ( $\pm$ )-2-Phenoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl] propanoic acid and its salts;

(+)-2-Phenoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl] propanoic acid and its salts;

(-)-2-Phenoxy-3-[4-[[4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl]methoxy]phenyl] 30 propanoic acid and its salts;

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( $\pm$ )-Methyl 2-phenoxy-3-[4-[[6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

(+)-Methyl 2-phenoxy-3-[4-[[6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy] phenyl]propanoate;

5 (-)-Methyl 2-phenoxy-3-[4-[[6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy]phenyl]propanoate;

( $\pm$ )-2-Phenoxy-3-[4-[[6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy] phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

10 (+)-2-Phenoxy-3-[4-[[6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy] phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

(-)-2-Phenoxy-3-[4-[[6-chloro-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-quinazolinyl] methoxy] phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

( $\pm$ )-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-nitro-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl] ethoxy] phenyl]propanoate;

15 (+)-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-nitro-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy] phenyl]propanoate;

(-)-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-nitro-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy] phenyl]propanoate;

( $\pm$ )-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-nitro-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy] phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

20 (+)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-nitro-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl] propanoic acid and its salts;

(-)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-nitro-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl] propanoic acid and its salts;

25 (-)-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-acetyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy] phenyl]propanoate;

(+)-Ethyl 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-acetyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy] phenyl]propanoate;

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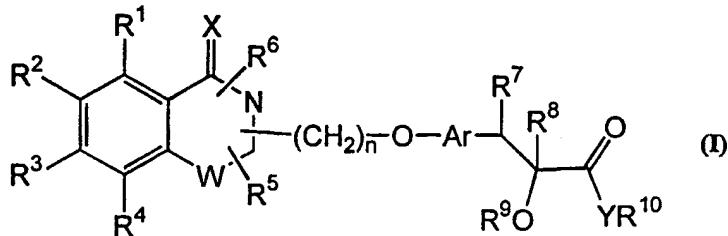
30 phenyl]propanoate;

( $\pm$ )-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-acetyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

(+)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-acetyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts; and

5 (-)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-[6-acetyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,3-benzoxazin-3-yl]ethoxy]phenyl]propanoic acid and its salts;

19. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a compound of formula (I)



as defined in any one of claims 1-5, 9-11 or 18 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier,

10 diluent, excipient or solvate.

20. A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 19, in the form of a tablet, capsule, powder, syrup, solution or suspension.

21. A method of preventing or treating hyperlipemia, hypercholesterolemia, hyperglycemia, osteoporosis, obesity, glucose intolerance, leptin resistance, insulin resistance, or 15 diseases in which insulin resistance is the underlying pathophysiological mechanism comprising administering an effective amount compound of formula (I) as defined in any one of claims 1-5, 9-11 or 18 or a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claims 19 and 20 to a patient in need thereof.

22. A method according to claim 21, wherein the disease is type II diabetes, impaired 20 glucose tolerance, dyslipidaemia, disorders related to Syndrome X such as hypertension, obesity, atherosclerosis, hyperlipidemia, coronary artery disease and other cardiovascular disorders, certain renal diseases including glomerulonephritis, glomerulosclerosis, nephrotic syndrome, hypertensive nephrosclerosis, retinopathy, nephropathy, disorders related to endothelial cell activation, psoriasis, polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS), useful as aldose 25 reductase inhibitors, for improving cognitive functions in dementia and treating diabetic complications, osteoporosis, inflammatory bowel diseases, myotonic dystrophy, pancreatitis, arteriosclerosis, xanthoma or cancer.

23. A method according to claim 22, for the treatment prophylaxis of disorders related to Syndrome X, which comprises administering an agonist of PPAR $\alpha$ , PPAR $\gamma$  or a mixture thereof of formula (I).
24. A method of reducing plasma glucose, triglycerides, total cholesterol, LDL, VLDL or free fatty acids in the plasma comprising administering a compound of formula (I) as defined in any one of claims 1-5, 9-11 or 18 or a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claims 19 and 20 to a patient in need thereof
25. A method of preventing or treating hyperlipemia, hypercholesterolemia, hyperglycemia, osteoporosis, obesity, glucose intolerance, leptin resistance, insulin resistance, or diseases in which insulin resistance is the underlying pathophysiological mechanism comprising administering a compound of formula (I) as defined in any one of claims 1-5, 9-11, or 18 or a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claims 19 and 20 in combination/concomitant with HMG CoA reductase inhibitors, fibrates, nicotinic acid, cholestyramine, colestipol or probucol which may be administered together or within such a period as to act synergistically together to a patient in need thereof.
26. A method according to claim 25, wherein the disease is type II diabetes, impaired glucose tolerance, dyslipidaemia, disorders related to Syndrome X such as hypertension, obesity, atherosclerosis, hyperlipidemia, coronary artery disease and other cardiovascular disorders, certain renal diseases including glomerulonephritis, glomerulosclerosis, nephrotic syndrome, hypertensive nephrosclerosis, retinopathy, nephropathy, disorders related to endothelial cell activation, psoriasis, polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS), useful as aldose reductase inhibitors, for improving cognitive functions in dementia and treating diabetic complications, osteoporosis, inflammatory bowel diseases, myotonic dystrophy, pancreatitis, arteriosclerosis, xanthoma or cancer.
27. A method according to claim 26 for the treatment or prevention of disorders related to Syndrome X, which comprises administering a compound of formula (I) in combination with HMG CoA reductase inhibitors, fibrates, nicotinic acid, cholestyramine, colestipol or probucol which may be administered together or within such a period as to act synergistically together.
28. A method of reducing plasma glucose, triglycerides, total cholesterol, LDL, VLDL or free fatty acids in the plasma, which comprises administering a compound of formula (I) claimed in any one of claims 1-5, 9-11 or 18 or a pharmaceutical composition as claimed

in claims 19 and 20 in combination/concomitant with HMG CoA reductase inhibitors, fibrates, nicotinic acid, cholestyramine, colestipol or probucol which may be administered together or within such a period as to act synergistically together.

29. Use of a compound according to any one of claim 1-5, 9-11 or 18 for preventing or 5 treating hyperlipemia, hypercholesterolemia, hyperglycemia, osteoporosis, obesity, glucose intolerance, leptin resistance, insulin resistance, or diseases in which insulin resistance is the underlying pathophysiological mechanism.

30. Use according to claim 29, wherein the disease is type II diabetes, impaired glucose tolerance, dyslipidaemia, disorders related to Syndrome X such as hypertension, obesity, 10 atherosclerosis, hyperlipidemia, coronary artery disease and other cardiovascular disorders, certain renal diseases including glomerulonephritis, glomerulosclerosis, nephrotic syndrome, hypertensive nephrosclerosis, retinopathy, nephropathy, disorders related to endothelial cell activation, psoriasis, polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS), useful as aldose reductase inhibitors, for improving cognitive functions in dementia and treating diabetic complications, 15 osteoporosis, inflammatory bowel diseases, myotonic dystrophy, pancreatitis, arteriosclerosis, xanthoma or cancer.

31. Use of a compound according to any one of claims 1-5, 9-11 or 18 for reducing plasma glucose, triglycerides, total cholesterol, LDL, VLDL or free fatty acids in the plasma.

32. Use of a compound according to any one of claim 1-5, 9-11 or 18 for preparing a 20 medicament for preventing or treating hyperlipemia, hypercholesterolemia, hyperglycemia, osteoporosis, obesity, glucose intolerance, leptin resistance, insulin resistance, or diseases in which insulin resistance is the underlying pathophysiological mechanism.

33. Use according to claim 32, wherein the disease is type II diabetes, impaired glucose tolerance, dyslipidaemia, disorders related to Syndrome X such as hypertension, obesity, 25 atherosclerosis, hyperlipidemia, coronary artery disease and other cardiovascular disorders, certain renal diseases including glomerulonephritis, glomerulosclerosis, nephrotic syndrome, hypertensive nephrosclerosis, retinopathy, nephropathy, disorders related to endothelial cell activation, psoriasis, polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS), useful as aldose reductase inhibitors, for improving cognitive functions in dementia and treating diabetic complications, 30 osteoporosis, inflammatory bowel diseases, myotonic dystrophy, pancreatitis, arteriosclerosis, xanthoma or cancer.

34. Use of a compound according to any one of claims 1-5, 9-11 or 18 for preparing a

medicament for reducing plasma glucose, triglycerides, total cholesterol, LDL, VLDL or free fatty acids in the plasma.

35. A medicine for preventing or treating hyperlipemia, hypercholesterolemia, hyperglycemia, osteoporosis, obesity, glucose intolerance, leptin resistance, insulin resistance, or 5 diseases in which insulin resistance is the underlying pathophysiological mechanism comprising administering an effective amount compound of formula (I) as defined in any one of claims 1-5, 9-11 or 18 to a patient in need thereof.

36. A medicine according to claim 35, wherein the disease is type II diabetes, impaired glucose tolerance, dyslipidaemia, disorders related to Syndrome X such as hypertension, 10 obesity, atherosclerosis, hyperlipidemia, coronary artery disease and other cardiovascular disorders, certain renal diseases including glomerulonephritis, glomerulosclerosis, nephrotic syndrome, hypertensive nephrosclerosis, retinopathy, nephropathy, disorders related to endothelial cell activation, psoriasis, polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS), useful as aldose reductase inhibitors, for improving cognitive functions in dementia and treating diabetic 15 complications, osteoporosis, inflammatory bowel diseases, myotonic dystrophy, pancreatitis, arteriosclerosis, xanthoma or cancer.

37. A method according to claim 27, for the treatment or prophylaxis of disorders related to Syndrome X, which comprises administering an agonist of PPAR $\alpha$ , agonist of PPAR $\gamma$  or a mixture thereof of formula (I).

20 38. A medicine for reducing plasma glucose, triglycerides, totalcholesterol, LDL, VLDL and free fatty acids in the plasma comprising administering a compound of formula (I) as defined in any one of claims 1-5, 9-11 or 18 to a patient in need thereof.

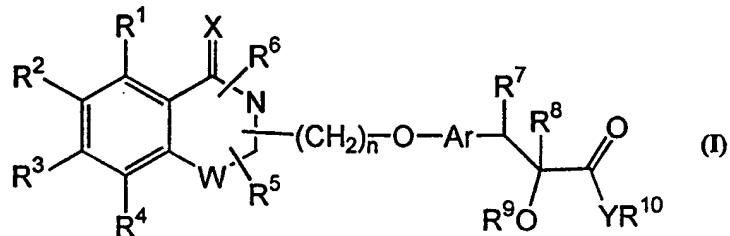
39. A medicine for preventing or treating hyperlipemia, hypercholesterolemia, hyperglycemia, osteoporosis, obesity, glucose intolerance, leptin resistance, insulin resistance, or 25 diseases in which insulin resistance is the underlying pathophysiological mechanism comprising administering a compound of formula (I) as defined in any one of claims 1-5, 9-11, or 18 in combination/concomittant with HMG CoA reductase inhibitors, fibrates, nicotinic acid, cholestyramine, colestipol or probucol which may be administered together or within such a period as to act synergistically together to a patient in need thereof.

30 40. A medicine according to claim 39, wherein the disease is type II diabetes, impaired glucose tolerance, dyslipidaemia, disorders related to Syndrome X such as hypertension, obesity, atherosclerosis, hyperlipidemia, coronary artery disease and other cardiovascular

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disorders, certain renal diseases including glomerulonephritis, glomerulosclerosis, nephrotic syndrome, hypertensive nephrosclerosis, retinopathy, nephropathy, disorders related to endothelial cell activation, psoriasis, polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS), useful as aldose reductase inhibitors, for improving cognitive functions in dementia and treating diabetic complications, osteoporosis, inflammatory bowel diseases, myotonic dystrophy, pancreatitis, arteriosclerosis, xanthoma or cancer.

41. A process for the preparation of compound of formula (I)



its derivatives, its analogs, its tautomeric forms, its stereoisomers, its polymorphs, its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, or its pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, wherein X represents O or S; the groups R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> when attached to carbon atom may be the same or different and represent hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, formyl; or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, amino, monoalkylamino, dialkylamino, arylamino, acylamino, aralkylamino, aminoalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, thioalkyl, alkylthio, alkoxycarbonyl-amino, aryloxycarbonylamino, aralkoxycarbonylamino, carboxylic acid or its derivatives, or sulfonic acid or its derivatives; W represents O, S or a group NR<sup>11</sup>; R<sup>11</sup> and the groups R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> when attached to nitrogen atom may be the same or different and represent hydrogen, hydroxy, formyl or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyalkyl, amino, acylamino, monoalkylamino, dialkylamino, arylamino, aralkylamino, aminoalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, aralkoxyalkyl, alkylthio, thioalkyl, carboxylic acid derivatives, or sulfonic acid derivatives; n is an integer ranging from 1 - 4; Ar represents an unsubstituted or substituted divalent aromatic or heterocyclic group; R<sup>7</sup> represents hydrogen atom, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, or unsubstituted

or substituted aralkyl group; R<sup>8</sup> represents hydrogen atom, hydroxy, alkoxy, halogen, lower alkyl, acyl or unsubstituted or substituted aralkyl; R<sup>9</sup> represents hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryloxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, acyl, heterocycl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups; R<sup>10</sup> represents hydrogen; Y represents oxygen; the linking group represented by -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O- may be attached either through nitrogen atom or carbon atom, which comprises: hydrolising a compound of formula (1) described in any of the claims 6 and 7 where R<sup>10</sup> represents unsubstituted or substituted groups selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heterocycl, heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl groups and all other symbols are as defined earlier by conventional methods.

42. Use of a compound of formula (I) as defined in any one of claims 1-5, 9-11, or 18 or a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 19 or 20 in combination with HMG CoA reductase inhibitors, fibrates, nicotinic acid, cholestyramine, colestipol or probucol for preventing or treating hyperlipemia, hypercholesterolemia, hyperglycemia, osteoporosis, obesity, glucose intolerance, leptin resistance, insulin resistance, or diseases in which insulin resistance is the underlying pathophysiological mechanism.

43. Use according to claim 42, wherein the disease is type II diabetes, impaired glucose tolerance, dyslipidaemia, disorders related to Syndrome X such as hypertension, obesity, atherosclerosis, hyperlipidemia, coronary artery disease and other cardiovascular disorders, certain renal diseases including glomerulonephritis, glomerulosclerosis, nephrotic syndrome, hypertensive nephrosclerosis, retinopathy, nephropathy, disorders related to endothelial cell activation, psoriasis, polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS), useful as aldose reductase inhibitors, for improving cognitive functions in dementia and treating diabetic complications, osteoporosis, inflammatory bowel diseases, myotonic dystrophy, pancreatitis, arteriosclerosis, xanthoma or cancer.

44. Use of a compound as defined in any one of claims 1-5, 9-11, or 18 or a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 19 or 20 in combination with HMG CoA reductase inhibitors, fibrates, nicotinic acid, cholestyramine, colestipol or probucol for reducing plasma glucose, triglycerides, total cholesterol, LDL, VLDL and free fatty acids in the plasma.

45. Use of a compound of formula (I) as defined in any one of claims 1-5, 9-11, or 18 or a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 19 or 20 for preparing a medicament in

combination with HMG CoA reductase inhibitors, fibrates, nicotinic acid, cholestyramine, colestipol or probucol for preventing or treating hyperlipidemia, hypercholesterolemia, hyperglycemia, osteoporosis, obesity, glucose intolerance, leptin resistance, insulin resistance, or diseases in which insulin resistance is the underlying pathophysiological mechanism.

5 46. Use according to claim 45, wherein the disease is type II diabetes, impaired glucose tolerance, dyslipidaemia, disorders related to Syndrome X such as hypertension, obesity, atherosclerosis, hyperlipidemia, coronary artery disease and other cardiovascular disorders, certain renal diseases including glomerulonephritis, glomerulosclerosis, nephrotic syndrome, 10 hypertensive nephrosclerosis, retinopathy, nephropathy, disorders related to endothelial cell activation, psoriasis, polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS), useful as aldose reductase inhibitors, for improving cognitive functions in dementia and treating diabetic complications, osteoporosis, inflammatory bowel diseases, myotonic dystrophy, pancreatitis, arteriosclerosis, xanthoma or cancer.

15 47. Use of a compound as defined in any one of claims 1-5, 9-11, or 18 or a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 19 or 20 for preparing a medicament in combination with HMG CoA reductase inhibitors, fibrates, nicotinic acid, cholestyramine, colestipol or probucol for reducing plasma glucose, triglycerides, total cholesterol, LDL, VLDL and free fatty acids in the plasma.

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**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

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### Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.: 21-31 and 37

because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

Remark: Although claims 21-31 and 37

are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

2.  Claims Nos.:

because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:

3.  Claims Nos.:

because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

### Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1.  As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

2.  As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3.  As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4.  No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

#### Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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